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ROUND-UP OF "RADICALS" IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

An official statement on the arrests of Radicals in Japan says that 730, including the president of the executive committee of the Proletarian Party, are now in gaol.

Several members of the House of Representatives have also been arrested.

Many incriminating documents were seized by the police all over Japan, which furnished the Minister of the Interior with legal instrument for dissolving all Radical parties.

The parties dissolved include the Proletarian Party, the Workers and Peasants Party and the all-Japan Council of Labour Unions.

It is officially alleged that the parties were preparing revolution under the direction of foreign agents, and were spreading propaganda among Japanese troops at the front.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S MILITARY BUDGET

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese military officers headed by the War Minister, General Sugiyama, this morning met representatives of the Diet and informed them that the Army Budget, irrespective of the cost of operations in China, would total 564,594,000 yen.—Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. FLEET MANOEUVRES

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese newspapers give great prominence to the report that the American Fleet will assemble at Hawaii for manoeuvres early next year.

It is stated that the war games will begin on March 14 and continue until April 30.—Our Own Correspondent.

CABINET CALLED TO EVENING CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

Tension between Britain and Japan has grown worse following despatch of the protest against the Customs cruiser incident in Hong Kong waters.

The Note is stated to be an explicit demand for assurances and guarantees that the integrity of Hong Kong will be fully respected.

In fact, it is said to go much further than the British protest last week, as that Note merely demanded assurances against repetition of incidents within British territory.

It was generally assumed that Britain would wait for the Japanese reply to the first Note before proceeding to take further steps, and yesterday's developments took political quarters by surprise.

Sign of the new state of tension is the fact that the Cabinet was again summoned yesterday evening after its lengthy session in the morning, while the afternoon was employed by Ministers whose departments are directly concerned with Far Eastern matters for consultations with their chief advisers.

EVENING CABINET

The evening meeting of the Cabinet, which lasted nearly two hours, was apparently devoted exclusively to the Far East.

Although nothing of a positive character was said in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, when reference was again made to the Far East, the pronouncements of the Foreign Secretary and First Lord of the Admiralty are thought to be not without significance.

"UNSATISFACTORY"

Both Ministers described the situation as being "unsatisfactory," but diplomatic quarters say that it was the tone and accent of their words which conveyed to their hearers an idea of how gravely the Government actually regards the present situation.

There are also signs that this view is shared by Washington and Paris.—Trans-Ocean.

INTERNAL CONFLICT IN TOKYO

Tokyo, 2 p.m. To-day.

Well-informed quarters here declare that there is serious conflict between the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters on various matters arising out of the "China Incident," including the protests of Britain and America against various incidents.

An outward show of unity is being preserved for the present, but there are growing signs of open dispute.

Reliable sources state that the civilian members of the Cabinet are exceedingly nervous regarding Japan's financial position, and hold the view that public opinion is opposed to the spirit actuating Imperial Headquarters, who seek drastic action in China with defiance of the feelings of the Powers.—Our Own Correspondent.

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DOG-FIGHT OVER POYANG LAKE

Nanchang, To-day.

Japanese aircraft carried out a raid in force on Nanchang yesterday afternoon, and a dog-fight in which 23 Chinese and 20 Japanese machines took part occurred over Poyang Lake.

Both sides lost several machines.

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Le Tango Des Filles (Delettre & Bayle).
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I found A Bit Of Paris In The Heart Of Old New York (Unger-Delettre).
North Sea Waves—Waltz (Kramm).
Under The Rainbow—Waltz (Waldteufel).
1-30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1-40 p.m.—Raie Da Costa (Piano).
Say It With Music—Medley (Ray Noble).
What Are Your Intentions (film "Twenty Million Sweethearts").
1-50 p.m.—Latest Dance Records.
2-15 p.m.—Close down.
2-30 p.m.—European Programme.
2-45-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong

Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Choruses.
Shenandoah (Sea Shanty) (arr. Terry).
Rio Grande; Billy Boy (Sea Shanties) (arr. Terry).
The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott).
The Boatmen (Harris).
John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
John Peel (Traditional).
Harold Williams & the RBC Male Chorus.
7-15 p.m.—London Relay—Sportsmen Talking: Lord Burghley, M.P.
7-30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7-35 p.m.—Variety.
7-45 p.m.—Studio—Christmas Dinner a talk by "Sabrina".
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
8-05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
8-05-11 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8-05 p.m.—Variety.
8-30 p.m.—London Relay—At The Black Dog.
9 p.m.—Gracie Fields.
9-10 p.m.—Jazz Piano and Turner Layton (Vocal & Piano).
9-30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9-50 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major, K. 271. Played by Walter Gieseking (Piano) and Members of the State Opera House Orchestra, Berlin, Conducted by Hans Rosbaud.
10-20 p.m.—Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Sarabande And Tambourin (Lecclair-Sarasate).
Danse Espagnole (La Vida Breve) (De Falla-Kreider).
Minstrels (Debussy).
Flight Of The Bumble Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov-Hartmann).
10-30 p.m.—Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) & Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York.
Siegfried Idyll (Wagner).
Orchestra Conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
A Swan, Op. 26, No. 2 (Bach—arr. Henzen-Grieg).
Et Hab. Op. 26, No. 1 (Parslow-Grieg).
Kirsten Flagstad with Piano accompaniment by Edwin McArthur.
L'apprenti Sorcier (After a ballad by Goethe—Paul Dukas).
Orchestra Conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
11 p.m.—Close down.

10-45 a.m.—Big Ben—Leslie Simpson at the Organ of the Classic Cinema, Belfast.
11-15 a.m.—Sportsmen Talking: Lord Burghley, M.P.
11-30 a.m.—Instrumental Variety.
11-45 a.m.—Recital by the RBC Singers.
12-15 p.m.—The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra.
12-30 p.m.—At the Black Dog.
1-00 p.m.—The BBC Variety Orchestra.
1-30 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1-45 p.m.
1-55 p.m.—Close down.
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8-55 a.m.—Christmas is Coming.
9-25 a.m.—Instrumental Music.
9-35 a.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9-45 a.m.
9-55 a.m.—The Chamber Music of Schubert.
10-25 a.m.—Close down.
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2-15 p.m.—Big Ben—The Signature Is... featuring Billy Cotton and his Band.
2-30 p.m.—The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines (Plymouth Division).
2-45 p.m.—Gracie Fields.
3-00 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 3-15 p.m.
3-20 p.m.—As I See It—S. A. talk by H. G. Wells.
3-35 p.m.—The Hotel Victoria Orchestra.
3-50 p.m.—Close down.
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7-00 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
8-00 p.m.—News.
8-55 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners in the Far East.
10-00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10-15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Mad Optimism

Optimism undoubtedly is a healthy trait, but, like every other good thing, can be carried to ridiculous extreme. This is particularly true at bridge. A player who barges blindly ahead on the assumption that he should find at least normal breaks automatically deprives himself of safety measures that have been devised for his protection against bad breaks. From the defenders' point of view, over-optimism consists in placing partner with a card, or cards, that there is virtually no chance of his holding.

In the hand shown below, West's opening lead against a slam contract was the height of optimism, with no logic as a compensating factor. South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S.—K 8 6
H.—A Q 7
D.—A Q J
C.—7 6 3 2
WEST
S.—9 5
H.—6 4 3 2
D.—Q 10 9 8 4 3
C.—A
EAST
S.—7 4 2
H.—K 9 8 5
D.—6 5 2
C.—J 10 9
SOUTH
S.—A Q J 10 3
H.—J 10
D.—7
C.—K Q 8 5 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	2 diam	3 no trump	Pass
4 clubs	Pass	4 no trump	Pass
5 spades	Pass	6 spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

With no appreciable hesitation, and probably even less thought, West laid down the club ace. After the dummy appeared he looked frantically, but, of course, fruitlessly, for a means of putting his partner on lead,

so that he might ruff a club for the setting trick. His heart shift, however, met no success. Declarer climbed up with dummy's ace, drew trumps, and finessed his singleton diamond, discarding his losing heart on the diamond ace. The rest of the tricks then could be claimed, since the club suit was solid.

For West to have expected his partner to have a quick entry was nothing less than naive. The bidding was clearly indicative of the fact that North and South held almost all of the missing high honours. But if, by a miracle, East had had a quick entry there would be no need for a club ruff in order to defeat the contract. Surely the club ace always would be a trick. Therefore East's supposed entry would, of itself, defeat the contract. A ruff would, in that event, be merely the inconsequential second setting trick.

West should have held on to his club ace for dear life, and unless declarer had peeked into his hand the contract would have failed. Declarer would have lost no trick in spades, hearts, or diamonds, but when it came to playing the club suit for only one loser, it would have taken clairvoyance to have held the loss to one trick. The play of a club from dummy and a duck from the closed hand, on the assumption that the ace was blank, would have been sheer double dummy.

The conclusion therefore is that the slam was fulfilled only through West's outrageous optimism.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Using the two-way three-bid, should partner's three spade opening bid be raised to four with the following:

S.—6 4 3, H.—9 8 7 4 3, D.—9, C.—10 8 6 4?

Answer: Yes.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Mr. Dodd Takes the Air"—America's sensational singing favourite, Kenny Baker, supported by Alice Brady, Frank McHugh, Gertrude Michael, Jane Wyman, Luis Alberni, John Eldredge and Henry O'Neill in Frank Buddington Kelland's hilarious successor to "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" with the added attraction of four big song-hits by the star.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"I Promise to Pay"—Romance plays its part in dramatic story of the loan shark racket which is scheduled for early screening, with Chester Morris and Helen Mack as two of the film's principals. Leo Carrillo, Thomas Mitchell, little Patsy O'Connor, John Gailaudet, Crawford Weaver and Thurston Hall also play important roles.

AT THE KING'S—"Love Begins at Twenty"—is a hilarious comedy spiced with thrills and romance, based on the play by Martin Flavin. Besides Hugh Herbert the cast includes Warren Hull, Patricia Ellis, Hobart Cavanaugh, Dorothy Vaughan, Clarence Wilson and Robert Gleckler.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Captains Courageous"—with Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore and Melvyn Douglas—Rudyard Kipling's tale of the sea made into an excellent film. There are thrills and heart-throbs mixed in the right combination.

AT THE STAR—"A Midsummer Night's Dream"—Max Reinhardt's super production of Shakespeare's comedy with one of the most talented casts of Warner Bros. ever to appear in a single picture, and featuring among others, Dick Powell, Jean Muir, Olivia de Havilland, Mickey Rooney, Victor Jory and Anita Louise.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Man Who Cried Wolf"—A new mystery drama revolving about an unusual plot situation. The story concerns a famous actor who commits "the perfect crime" only to discover that his own son is charged with the murder and later convicted. Lewis Stone plays the leading dramatic role as the actor who devises a scheme to clever that it endangers those he loves most. His son is portrayed by Tom Brown, who shares a tender romance with Barbara Read.

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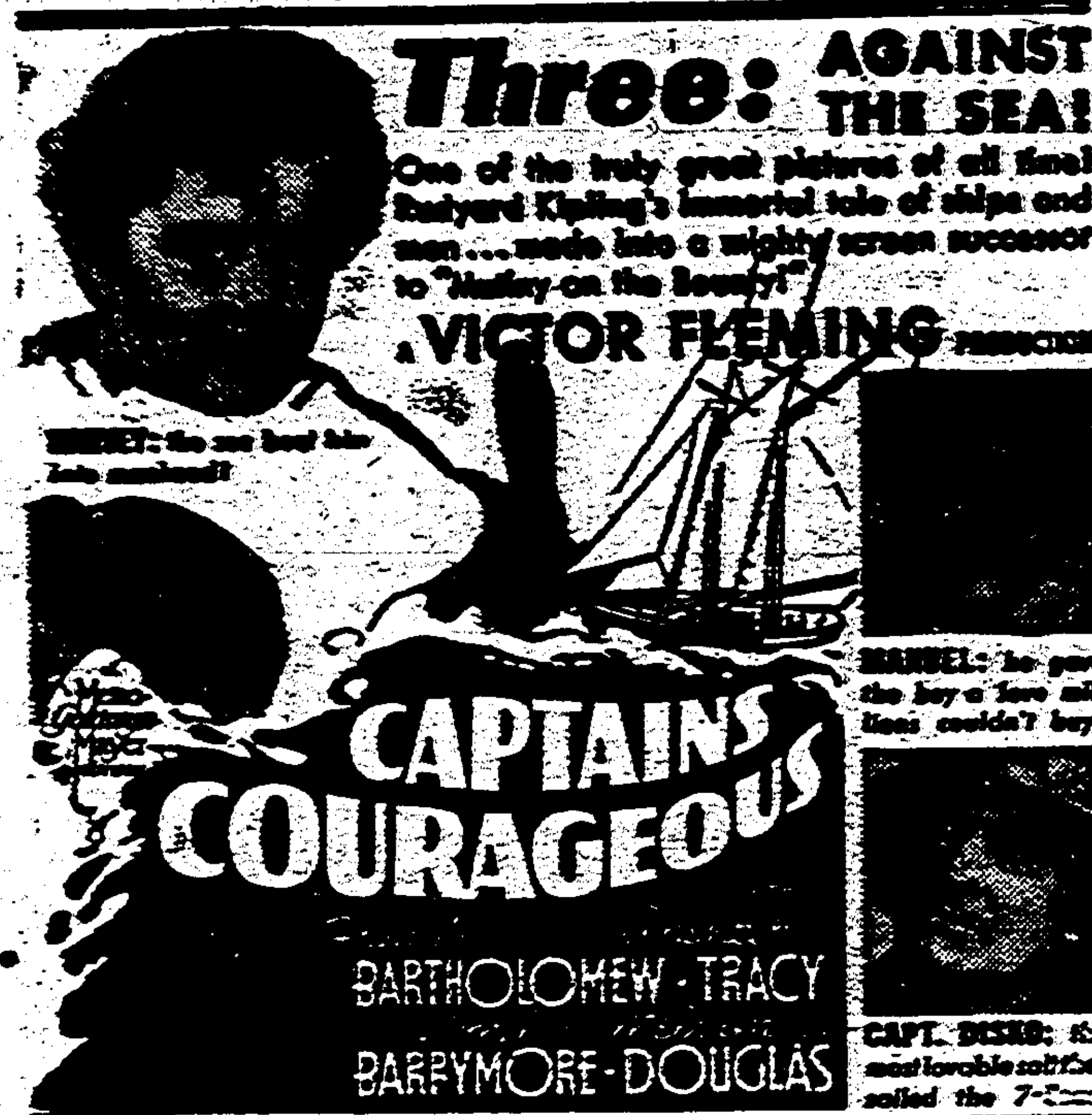
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AT WAH YAN SPEECH DAY**

An extremely successful year was reported at the Annual Prize Day of Wah Yan College, held in the Queen's Theatre this morning at which H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote presented the awards.

Following some excellent musical items and a play, "The Bishop's Candlestick," with foreign settings but Chinese dialogue, the prefect of studies read the report which stated, inter alia—

The college now counts an enrolment of over 900 boys. We have stretched our accommodation to its very utmost, using all possible space as spare classrooms, in order to provide for as many as possible of the unhappy refugees, who came to us in such number seeking admission; none the less, we have been forced to turn away some hundreds of students. The new boys are, in some cases, inevitably, weaker at English than our own boys; but they are a gentlemanly and industrious group of students, and we hope that, in the years to come, they will look back with pleasure on the time spent under the aegis of Wah Yan. We have been, of course, strict in promoting our old boys, and strict in the admission of new boys; in no other way is it possible to build up and safeguard the reputation of the school for scholarship and solid learning.

The attendance has been this year, as usual, wonderfully good: over 96%. The high percentage is due in part to the fact that boys who absent themselves for trivial reasons from school are not encouraged to remain here. But the truth is, that the industry and regularity of the Chinese boy are so great that one comes to accept from them as a matter of course standards in this matter which in any other country would be phenomenal.

In future years, certain changes in the requirements for the School Certificate examination will be introduced, at the desire of the schools concerned. The Board in Control of this examination has accepted the courses proposed by the Hong Kong Teachers' Association in Arithmetic and Biblical Knowledge, and has asked the Hong Kong Teachers' Association to submit suitable courses in all other subjects except Chinese. This is a very big step in the direction, now generally accepted at the right direction, of making this examination one run by the schools themselves for the benefit of their students.

I would like to pay here a very sincere tribute to the manner in which this examination was organized and run last summer, and to the unwearied kindness, courtesy and efficiency of the Government officers responsible for its success.

One very fundamental point about the new examination still calls for such consideration. It is this:—What standard is the new examination intended eventually to attain? Its present standard is that of the old Class 2 examination, the Junior Local. Is it intended to leave it so? If so, it is inevitable that parents, finding their boys (as they will find them) ill-equipped for going out into the world, will send them in large numbers to school for another year, and let them sit for the Hong Kong University Matriculation examination. This will result in this University examination becoming (or rather, remaining) the true standard of secondary education in this Colony—which is the very thing that the new examination was instituted to prevent! If the retention of the Class 2 standard be intended, many interested in Hong Kong education feel that the title "School Certificate" should be dropped, and the examination be called what it really is, at present, the Junior Local Examination.

On the other hand, there is the possibility of raising the standard of this examination until it approximates to our present Class 1. This I have called a possibility, because I believe it to be possible, at least for the cleverer pupils; but such a scheme would have two very grave disadvantages. In the first place, it would restore to us the enormous proportion of examination failures, which was rightly considered a grave blot on the previous system. In the second place, it might injure gravely the local University. If the Board of Education's School Certificate were to become really equivalent to our present Class 1, there is, I

think, little doubt that it would be accepted (as the present Class 2 examination is not accepted) as a preliminary for entering the Chinese universities. The cost of study at even the best of these institutions is far less than the cost of university education in Hong Kong; and these universities have improved beyond measure during the past decade, and are improving rapidly in their standards and attainments. If the final examination (whatever it be called) of the Hong Kong schools does not admit boys directly to the local university, but does open the way to studying in China itself, few Chinese parents, I fear, will hesitate to save time and money by letting their boys go elsewhere.

It may be urged that there is no reason why the Hong Kong University should not itself accept this improved Class 2 examination for entrance to its courses. That is true; but if this examination is to become again the only door to the University, we shall have returned to precisely the former system, when school and university requirements were superimposed in the Class 1 examination.

Many, indeed, regret the passing of the old Junior Local examination, which served a very useful purpose. They would wish to see the present Class 2 examination called again the Junior Local, and its standard left as it is at present; to see a new examination, instituted to be called the Senior Local, under the aegis of the Education Office, and run as the present Class 2 examination is run, by the schools themselves; and to let the University, if it will, accept this new examination (under certain conditions) for its Matriculation, and run its own special Matriculation examination at a different time, say in September.

Whether this proposal be acceptable or not, I should like to point out how important it is that the standard of the highest class in local schools (whatever it be called) be kept up. The University has deserved well of local education in this respect, and we should not depart from its standards. We can modify our requirements, but not restore them, without harm to education.

I should like to express also here my very sincere appreciation of the work of our laymaster. In teaching, as in any other profession, it is easy to get men, but hard to get good men. I feel very deeply that Wah Yan has been singularly blessed in getting so many really good men on her staff; good, not merely as regards knowledge and academic qualifications, but—what is far more important—men of sterling character, who are conscientious in their work and devoted to the highest ideals of their profession. Nobody sees as much as I do of the inner working of the school; and I would need to be very blind indeed, did I fail to perceive the great influence for good in every way exerted on the boys by the various members of the staff.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The Very Rev. Father Rector's Report was then read after which H. E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote said:—

I am very glad to be able to be here to-day and I am grateful, Very Rev. Father Rector, for the welcome which has been given to me.

This is the first school prize-giving which I have attended in Hong Kong and to listen to the excellent record of Wah Yan's past twelve months added, therefore, to the pleasure which I feel at being present here. The very high percentages of passes, and the frequency of honours and distinctions which the College was able to show as the result of the two examinations mentioned by the Prefect of Studies do high credit both to the teaching staff and to those taught by them. Both the Rector's address and the report of the Prefect of Studies made encouraging hearing and I hope that the forthcoming year will turn out at least equally well.

As Governor of the Colony I will (Continued on Page 18)

CUSTOMS SITUATION IN SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

FURTHER questions were put to the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the position of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

SIR EDWARD ELLINGTON'S VISIT TO H.K.

London, To-day.

Special importance is attached in certain circles here to the inspection tour to the Near and Far East on which Air Chief Marshal Sir Edward Ellington, Chief of Air Staff, left yesterday evening, since it is now stated that he will also visit Hong Kong.

Sir Edward, who will be accompanied by several members of his Staff, will inspect air bases in North Africa and Singapore before going to Hong Kong.

He will travel partly in commercial and partly in R.A.F. planes—Trans-Ocean.

VAN ZEELAND REPORT READY

London, To-day.

Monsieur van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, who has completed the mission entrusted to him by the British and French Governments and whose report on the possibilities of measures to increase international trade is now ready, has been invited by the British Government to come to London so that there may be an opportunity of discussing the report with him personally. No arrangement has yet been made as to the date of his visit.—British Wireless.

DAVID-ROSENBERG WEDDING

Following a civil ceremony before the Registrar of Marriages, Mr. W. A. Jones, at the Registry yesterday morning, Miss Dina Rosenberg was married later in the afternoon, according to Hebrew rites, to Mr. Maurice David, of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, at the Jewish Synagogue.

The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Eleazer.

The bride was charmingly attired in a close-fitting gown of white-pearl satin with a long train. Tulle veil with orange blossoms adorned her head, and she carried a bouquet of aërum lilies.

Miss Esther Rosenberg, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. She wore a gown of pale-pink moiré, finished with a scallop, and a small pink flowered hat with a veil. Her bouquet was of pastel-shade sweet-peas.

The bride was given away by Mr. S. E. Levy, cousin of the bridegroom, while Mr. J. J. Edgar acted as best man.

A reception was later held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Essig, at "Endville" Bungalow, Repulse Bay.

Mr. Eden replied that as the Japanese authorities at Shanghai had not received instructions, he had instructed the Ambassador in Tokyo to communicate with the Japanese Government, and they had promised to expedite despatch of instructions.

He was not aware that there had been any change in tenancy in posts held by Britons.

Replying to Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) Mr. Eden said he understood it was not the case that pending the result of negotiations at Shanghai, the Customs de facto was controlled by the Japanese.—Reuter.

A. R. P.

Sir,—Congratulations on your leader, "A.R.P.", of the 21st instant. It was refreshing to read an opinion that had not been "borrowed" from Fleet Street, even though this Reader found himself unable to agree with the line of argument advanced or the conclusion reached.

Neither Nanking nor Madrid are criteria of aerial warfare, because neither cities have experienced an intensive raid. Those who are familiar with the technique of aerial bombardment are aware that the Japanese are as yet lacking in tactical experience in handling masses of aircraft, and though possessing several hundred bombers, have confined themselves to employing between seventy to eighty machines a raid. Similarly, General Franco, for lack of planes, has been forced to restrict the number of aircraft used in Madrid's daily strafe to a like figure.

That aerial warfare on this marginal scale is terrible and destructive can, in view of the graphic photographs published by the "China Mail", hardly be denied, and it is idle to dismiss an attack by a thousand machines as an imaginative forecast, and foolish to attempt to minimise the immeasurable catastrophe of a sky dark with hostile wings.

Had the Government neglected to publish Air Raid Precautions, Hong Kong's population in the event of war would presumably emulate the ostrich and hope for the best, or led by Mr. Spreckley and his P.P.U. Martyrs, perish cheerfully as an example to a posterity that will never be born. As it is, Government are doing their best to prevent the demoralisation that would inevitably follow either course, and it is the plain interest and duty of every citizen to co-operate with Government in the task of preserving the lives and property entrusted to its care.

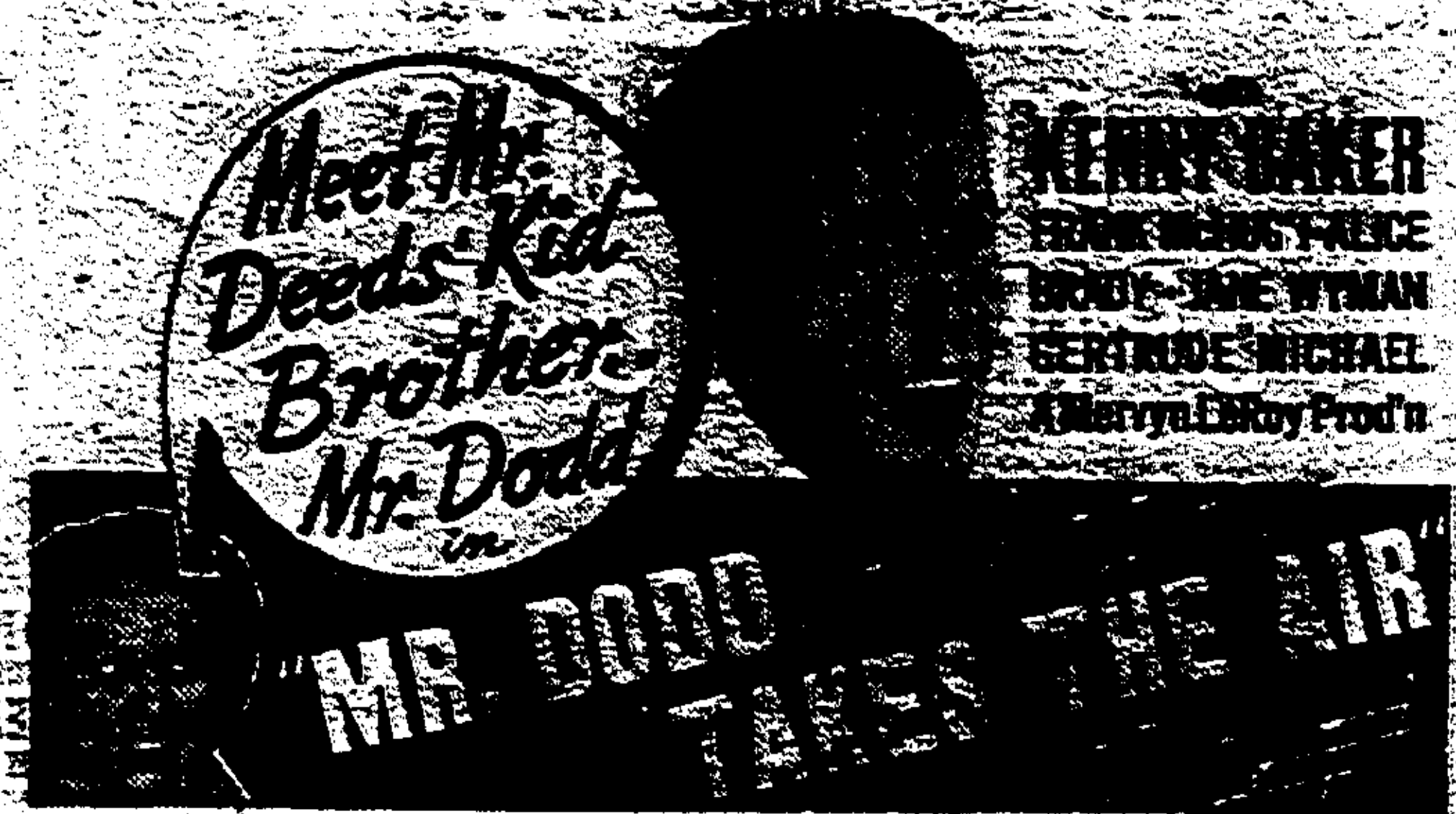
Discipline and organisation are the only effectual methods of dealing with aerial frightfulness, and since dictatorship has no part in our constitution, the civilian population must be disciplined and organised by intensive propaganda until every citizen is alive to the danger and prepared to deal with it. The history of our race precludes the idea of a "lively anti-panic" degenerating into a panic stricken rout or a fatalistic acceptance of disaster.

Cedric Erlund.

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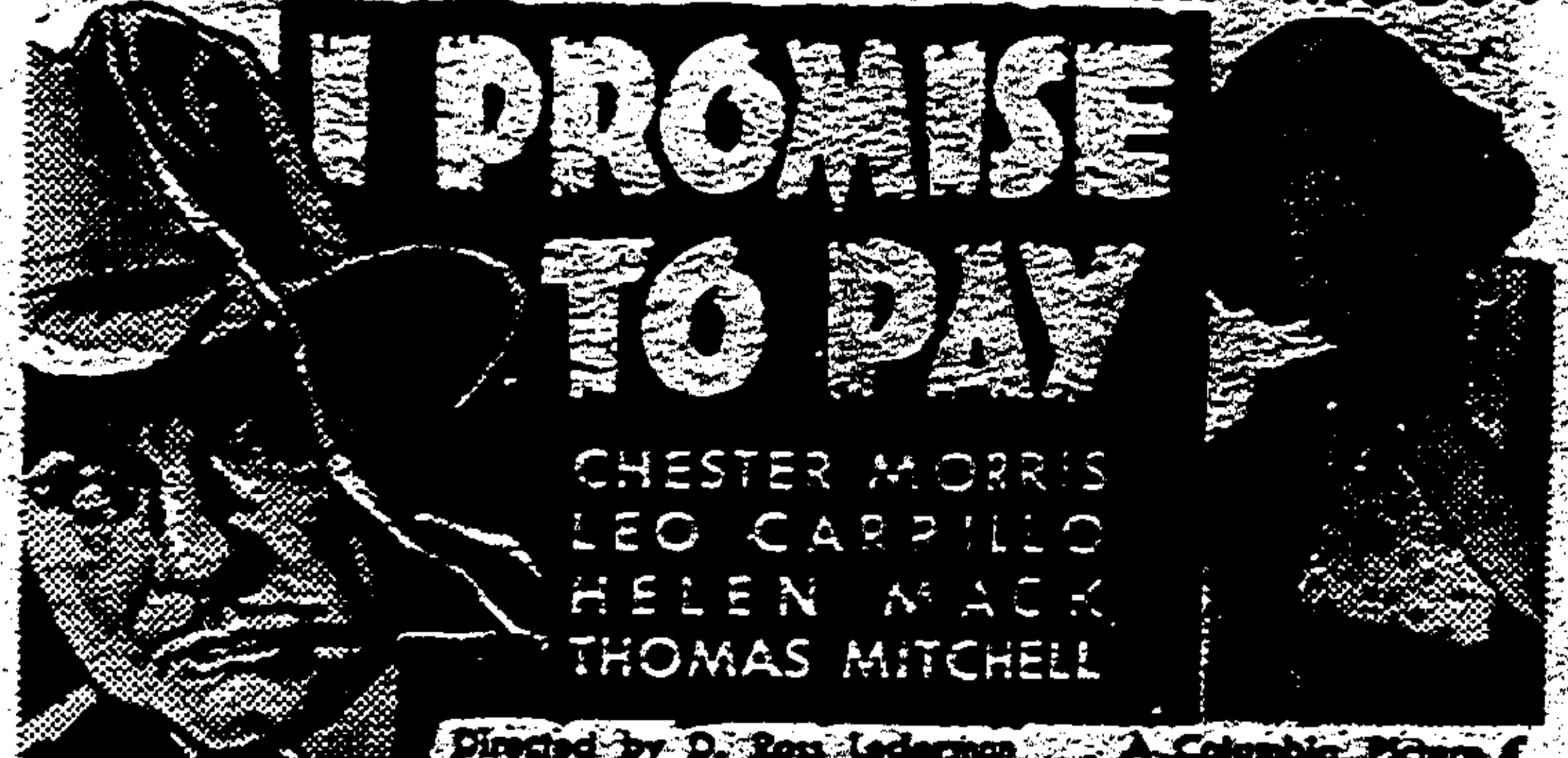
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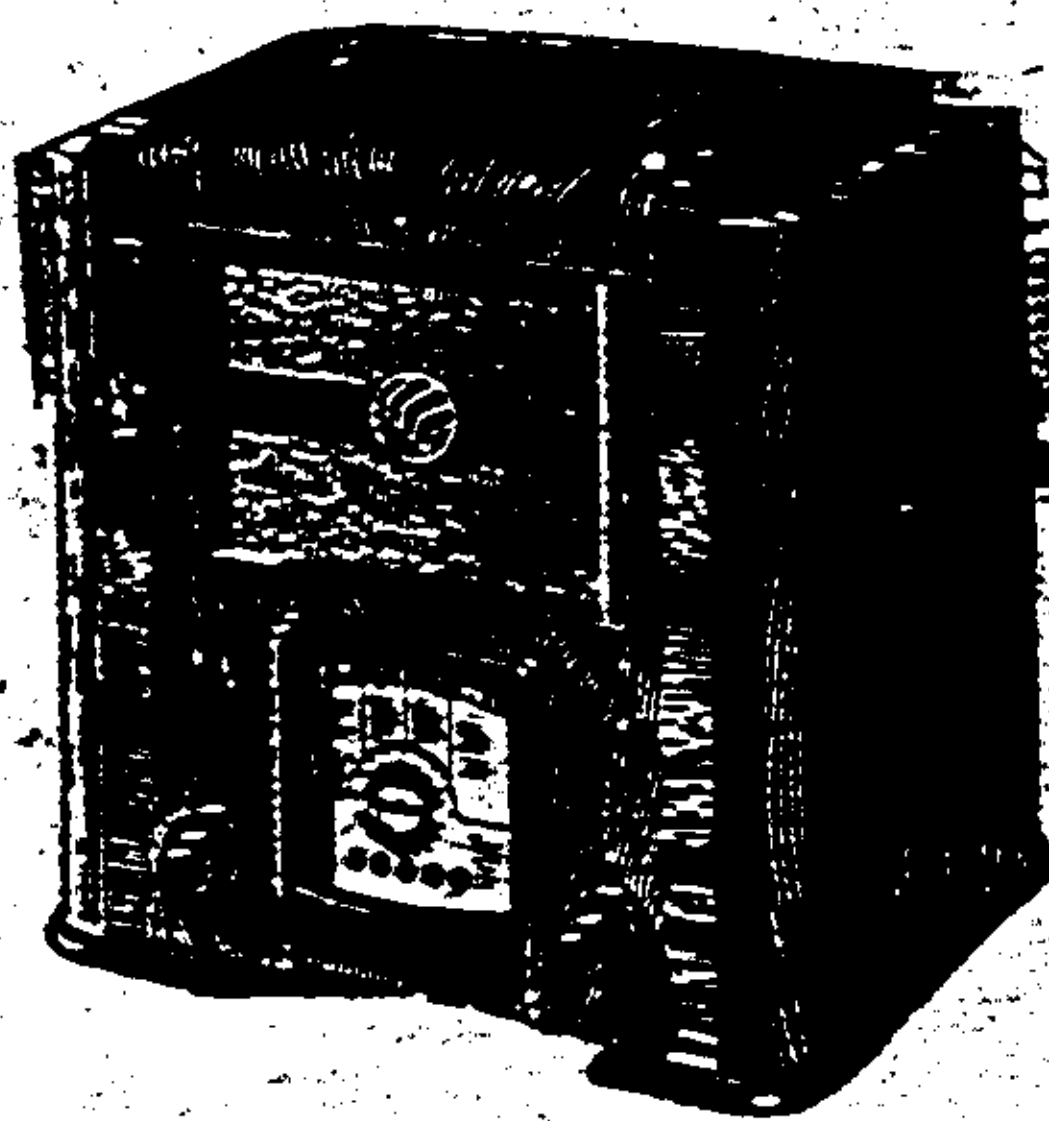
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BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S

"SUNDAY HERALD" COMPETITION WINNERS

More than a thousand entries were received for the two competitions organised by the "Sunday Herald" in its special Christmas issue of December 19, in spite of an unexpected and unwitting complication afforded by last-minute change of three advertisements which had been chosen for the purposes of the Cutting Competition.

The result was that only seventeen of the cuttings selected were actually to be found within the paper, for which the "Sunday Herald" owes an apology to its readers.

The first four entries opened that contained the other 17 cuttings correctly identified were declared the winners.

In the Turkey Competition, one competitor, it was discovered, hit upon the ingenious trick of sending in several letters all giving the same—and correct answer to the problem set. But though he tempted Luck to the extent of stealing an advantage, the first letter opened containing the correct answer—a reference to vegetables under the heading of Grapefruit—was sent in by a Peak resident.

The following were the prize-winners—

15-lb. Turkey, presented by The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

Ada V. Groome,

108, The Peak.

3 bottles Johnnie Walker Red Label Whisky, presented by Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd.

Lee Tien Hua,

16, Pottinger Street.

2 pint bottles Duc de Marnac Champagne, presented by Gilman's Wine Department.

M. M. Gutierrez,

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Ten dollar credit slip to be spent at The Little Shop.

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The correct solution of the cutting competition was as follows:

1. China Fleet Club.
2. Nil (Advt. changed).
3. Therapion.
4. Hong Kong-Canton-Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.
5. Dunlop Rubber Co.
6. H.B. Beer.
7. Kayser Stockings.
8. Nil (Advt. changed).
9. Jensen Tires.
10. Johnnie Walker Whisky.
11. Findlater's For Good Cheer.
12. Hermes Typewriters.
13. C. E. Warren & Co., Ltd.
14. Voigtlander Cameras.
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16. Nestle's Milk Products (China) Ltd.
17. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.
18. Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd.
19. British Bicycle Co.
20. Nil (Advt. changed) or S. B. Gibbs.

AIR RALLY AT ALGIERS

Paris, To-day.

An international air competition under the auspices of the Aero Club of Algiers and the Aero Club of France will be held at Algiers from to-morrow (Friday) to Jan. 18.

The competition will begin with a rally at Algiers in which several foreign machines, including three German, will compete.

A flight of 1,700 kilometres will follow across the North African desert, to be held from Jan. 8 to Jan. 18, with Algiers as the starting and finishing point—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE BOMB NEAR CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Several Japanese planes were sighted from Shameen this morning heading westward, and a few minutes later the thunder of bombs was faintly audible all over Canton.

Chinese sources, at present unconfirmed, state that Chinese planes went up and participated in an aerial dog-fight.

The Japanese objective was possibly the Canton-Samshui Railway, and bombs are thought to have been dropped between Canton and Fatshan.

Observers are of the opinion that to-day's raids are the result of the recent influx of Kwangsi troops via this railway.—Reuter.

DUKE OF WINDSOR AT CANNES

Paris, To-day.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived at Cannes yesterday evening.

They will spend Christmas at the villa of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers, close friends of the ducal couple.

There are several versions of the Duke's future plans, one report saying that he and his wife will go to Kitzbühl, in the Austrian Tyrol, in the middle of January, and another that they will pay a visit to the United States.

The latter report says the Duke and Duchess will travel to New York in the "Normandie."—Trans-Ocean.

HUNT FOR SCARE MONGERS

Canton, To-day.

A special organisation for tracing Japanese agents and scare mongers is being formed here by the authorities, who are reported to be gravely concerned regarding the false rumours widely circulated recently reporting the landing of Japanese troops at various points along the South China coast.—Our Own Correspondent.

XMAS PRESENT FOR GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

A Christmas present to the whole of Germany in the form of a new law providing for extensive revisions and improvements in social insurance, was announced yesterday.

Old age and unemployment insurance are the main branches affected.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA'S CHANGE OF TACTICS

Plan Will Seek To Evade Major Engagements

SMALL COLUMNS OF GUERILLAS

Hankow, To-day.

Judging from various signs and events, the Chinese High Command has decided to adopt a different form of tactics in the fighting that is about to be staged in the territory between Nanking and Hankow.

Apparently the plan will be to seek to evade major engagements with the Japanese forces, which so far have been able to rely for the success on their superior equipment.

Instead, all available troops will be formed into relatively small columns, which will be sent out to harass the enemy and, while incurring the minimum losses themselves, will seek to inflict the greatest possible damage, particularly to enemy communications.

As regards the strategic position in the Yangtse Valley, it appears that the main Japanese objective is capture of Hsinyang, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

JAPANESE ADVANCE

Despatches reaching Hankow last night speak of resumption of Japanese advance on the Hwainan railway line, which starts from Yuchih, on the Yangtse opposite Wuhu.

One account says the Japanese have already entered Toachin, on this railway, and are advancing on Hefei, which lies on the strategically important road between the Tientsin-Pukow and Peiping-Hankow Railways and leads to Hsinyang.

The Chinese High Command had taken measures designed to halt this Japanese drive on Hsinyang, and is making use of the tactics described above.

It is planned to erect a new boom across the Yangtse near Kwangshikang, half way between Kiukiang and Hankow.—Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING SWAMPED BY REFUGEES

Hankow, To-day.

An unprecedented situation has been created at Chungking as a result of considerable exodus from Hankow.

The city is now so crammed that the authorities are not allowing further arrivals, with the result that many steamers loaded with refugees have been compelled to disgorge their human cargoes at Ichang and Wansien.

There is no more housing accommodation at Chungking, where many shops are doing business all day and are renting out their counters at night as sleeping quarters.

Chungking is also facing a serious food shortage, and the authorities here are urging all refugees going into Szechuen to bring their own foodstuffs.

A similar situation, though not so acute, exists at Changsha.—Reuter.

STATE FUNERAL OF GEN. LUDENDORFF

Munich, To-day.

Impressive scenes were witnessed yesterday at the state ceremony in honour of the late General Erich Ludendorff.

The funeral procession through the town, in which the coffin was borne on a gun-carriage, was headed by a band and a military guard of honour.

On the coffin were the late general's helmet and military orders.

On either side walked four generals, and immediately behind the coffin, Herr Hitler.

The route was lined by troops and thousands of spectators.—Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE

Bucharest, To-day.

For the first time in Rumanian parliamentary history the Government Party has failed to obtain the necessary majority in the elections for the Chamber which have just ended.

The Liberal Party of M. Tatarescu polled only 38 per cent. instead of the 40 per cent. required by the electoral system.

The Government, however, will not resign before Parliament is convened on Feb. 17, and a coalition is the probable result.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-FRENCH DISCUSSIONS

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary told the Commons, replying to a question, that no arrangements had been made for further conversations between British and French statesmen, following Monsieur Delbos' return from his Central European tour, but exchanges of view would, of course, proceed as usual through diplomatic channels.—British Wireless.

Mr. "Jock" Gardner, taken suddenly ill yesterday, was operated on at the French Hospital this morning for appendicitis.

CHRISTMAS EXPRESS FOR HONG KONG

Hankow, To-day.

Preparations for the departure to-day of the "Christmas Express," which will evacuate more than 300 foreign nationals to Hong Kong, have been completed.

Booking of passages opened yesterday morning at the Canton-Hankow Railway's booking office on a hulk off the ex-German Concession, which was jammed by a large crowd waiting to secure passages.

Many waited for more than two hours in lines five or six deep.

Time of departure of the train has been fixed at 9 o'clock this morning, and the railway authorities hope to arrange to have the train switched along the loop line to Kowloon without touching Canton.

Total capacity of the train is 324 passengers, and there is every reason to believe it will be filled when it leaves.

Majority of the passengers are leaving most of their belongings behind because only a limited amount of baggage is allowed.

Among the passengers are several Russian taxi dancers from Hankow's cabarets who are eager to go to Shanghai, and have obtained transit visas from the British authorities in order to pass through Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, it is hoped that another train can be arranged during Christmas week although

BRITISH JOURNALIST A YEAR IN PRISON WITHOUT TRIAL

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary was questioned in the Commons regarding Peter Caddy, a young British journalist who was arrested over a year ago by the Spanish insurgent authorities and has been detained ever since without trial in prison at Algeciras.

It is understood that the alleged reason of the arrest is a suspected infringement of currency regulations, but in spite of repeated protests by the British Consular representatives, no specific charge has been preferred against Caddy.

The prolonged delay in bringing him to trial was the subject of representations to the Salamanca authorities by the British Ambassador at Hendaye some time ago but no satisfaction was received and Mr. Eden told the House that Sir Henry Chilton had now been instructed to make it clear to the Salamanca authorities that the British Government took a serious view of the case.

The Ambassador was to emphasise that the trial should take place forthwith and adequate facility should be afforded for the prisoner's defence.—British Wireless.

at present the possibility is fairly remote.—Reuter.

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THE WORLD GOES BY

Strange Poker

STRANGE things happened in a game of poker in the "China Mail" office the other night. Twice in little more than two hours, equal "straights" turned up and the pool had to be divided. In both cases a jackpot had been called and only two players, each of whom bought one card, remained "in." On both occasions the betting went to the limit and when the hands were "seen," a straight, knave high, was disclosed.

The chance of two such combinations appearing even once in an

BY "ULYSSES"

evening is believed to be millions to one.

The matter is being referred to the board of directors.

Two ugly and stupid Shanghai girls desire to be invited out for Christmas, says an advert in the "North China Daily News." If I were not so stupefied with whisky, I should endeavour to make a funny remark here about Hong Kong girls.

NEW PALESTINE COMMISSION

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary informed the Commons at question time that he expected to be able shortly to announce the character and terms of reference of the new Commission which is to visit Palestine.

There would be no avoidable delay in sending out the Commission and meanwhile the Government of Palestine were preparing data for its use.

The Colonial Secretary also gave information of the House on conditions in Palestine which he said had somewhat improved, though sporadic acts of terrorism continue. Several gangs of terrorists were known to be still operating and these included a number of persons from Outside Palestine, who acted as leaders and organisers. So far twenty-six Arabs had been tried by military courts under the new regulations. Combined columns of mounted police and the Transjordan Frontier Force were operating with great activity in the north and both there and elsewhere vigorous steps were being taken to combat the continuing murder campaign.—British Wireless.

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Xmas And Wife Beating

With the season of goodwill hanging over us, with Christmas cards peeping impudently from the shops, Father Christmases back in harness and all good citizens bound for the Bargain Basement with all these improving sights around us the moment has arrived to discuss the question of how and when to beat your wife.

Walloping the spouse is an old English custom of unimpeachable respectability. But, like ice on the

Thames and the "Milk on the Floss," it seems to have lost its popularity.

The carpet slipper has followed the crinoline into oblivion.

Now, in the cold weather, is the time to revive it.

I am reminded of the matter not only by the season of so-called goodwill, but by the news that in United States, an organisation has been formed by wives who are regularly spanked by their husbands for their misdeeds.

The significant thing is that these women have been organised for some time. They are not disrupted by divorce. They grin and bear it.

One can't help wondering, if one is the wondering sort, how many divorces might have been prevented if the husband had been an old-fashioned fellow who preferred the strap as a corrective to the long

humbleness of the law.

"Esquire" on this subject quotes the old Chinese proverb about a woman being like a gong, only useful when beaten. But you know as well as I do that even the Chinese are wrong sometimes.

It is, nevertheless, a question to be treated seriously.

Never spank a woman in anger. That is a degrading and pitiful action. You must spank her thoughtfully, for her own good.

Never make empty threats. Don't promise her a thrashing and then forget, or she'll stop trusting you.

For any further information, please don't come to me. Explain gently to your wife that you owe half your own charm to being walloped regularly in youth. That may convince her. Or it may not.



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JAPANESE CLAIM CAPTURE OF FAMED MOKANSHAN

Assert Smash-Through Chinese Defence Lines CONCERTED DRIVE ON HANGCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.

Smashing through the Chinese defence line in their long-heralded drive against Hangchow, the Japanese troops claim to have occupied Mokanshan, the popular mountain resort 30 miles north-west of Hangchow.

Japanese occupation of the resort followed several days sustained attack against Tsingshanshih, about 40 miles from Hangchow.

Withdrawal of Chinese troops from that city enabled Japanese units to proceed westward along the short road linking the Huchow-Hangchow highway.

Foreshadowing Japanese attempts to make a quick push against Hangchow, Japanese forces operating along the highway are reported to be striking against Wukiang, a strategic highway town north-west of Hangchow.

CONVERGING ATTACK

At the same time, other Japanese units are converging on Hangchow. One of these has opened an attack against Changan, a railway town 13 miles from Hangchow.

Renewal of concerted Japanese operations in this sector followed completion of extensive repairs along the railway.

ARMoured TRAINS

Japanese armoured trains are reported to have been used as spearhead of the thrust along the railway.

Other Japanese units are also driving towards Hangchow along the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway and the Grand Canal.

These forces, it is believed, will soon join the forces launching the general offensive against Hangchow.

Chinese defence positions around Hangchow are understood to be exceptionally strong.

CHANG FAT-KWEI

Crack divisions, commanded by General Chang Fah-kwei, have made extensive preparations to stem the Japanese offensive.

According to Chinese reports, some 100,000 men are mobilised in the area to take part in the defence of the Chekiang-Anhui sector.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting is reported near Changpaling, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 60 kilometres from Pukow.

In a determined drive on Hsuehchow, the Japanese troops are stated to be throwing their main weight along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway sector.

Chinese troops defending the railway area are reported to have completed the work of erecting a new defence line near Pengpu.—Reuter.

CHINESE CLAIMS CONTRADICTORY

Shanghai, To-day.

A major Chinese offensive has led to severe fighting in the region of Hangchow.

The Chinese army, reported to be 100,000 strong, has been concentrated in the immediate vicinity of Hangchow, and is at pre-

sent engaged in an attempt to capture the Japanese lines about 30 miles north-east of the town. Japanese reports mention the arrival in the Yangtse of twelve Japanese transports, with about 10,000 troops as reinforcement.

LANDED ON N. BANK

Two Japanese divisions have been landed on the north bank of the Yangtse, while strong Japanese columns are operating along the Grand Canal north of Pukow.

Domination of the Pukow-Hsuehchow Railway, as preparation for the new drive against Shantung, is said to be the object of the Japanese operations.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports from Hangchow state that the Chinese troops at Tsingshan, about 35 miles from Hangchow, on the Hangchow-Nanking Highway launched several fierce counter-attacks yesterday, forcing the Japanese forces to retreat.

Japanese officials here admit that their troops have made no progress during the past 10 days in their advance on Hangchow.—Our Own Correspondent.

Duke Of Windsor Changed His Mind

(By AIR MAIL)

London, December 1.

Mr. Compton Mackenzie's proposed biography of the Duke of Windsor was the subject of another statement to-day.

On Monday the Duke's solicitors announced that he had no intention of approving the contents of any biography written about him, nor was he prepared to supply information for such a purpose.

FULL AUTHORITY

Messrs. Rich and Cowan, Ltd., the publishers, said in an official statement to-day:

"We entered into an arrangement with Mr. Compton Mackenzie in July, 1937, to publish a biography of the Duke of Windsor, which Mr. Compton Mackenzie was about to write with the Duke's approval."

"Correspondence was passing at that time between His Royal High-

ROYAL FAMILY AT SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day.

The King and Queen, Queen Mary and Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose left London yesterday for their Christmas holiday which will be spent at Sandringham.—Reuter.

ness and Mr. Compton Mackenzie which showed clearly that the latter had asked for and obtained authority to write an authentic account of the Duke's life, more particularly of the events leading up to the Abdication, and to publish this after it had been submitted for approval to His Royal Highness.

"On the strength of this correspondence, Messrs. Rich and Cowan entered into certain commitments."

MIS-STATEMENTS

"Later it was arranged by correspondence that a synopsis of the proposed biography should be sent by Mr. Compton Mackenzie to the Duke."

"One of the objects of the book was to counteract the mis-statements that were being circulated."

"So far from disapproval being expressed, it was not until the beginning of November that any indication was given that a change of mind was possible, and not until last Monday that the publishers were informed that the Duke did not intend to proceed with the matter."

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT IN CAIRO CRISIS

Cairo, To-day.

The political crisis is still acute and street demonstrations, accompanied by clashes with the police, continue daily.

The executive committee of the Wafd (Nationalist) Party will examine the situation, but the fate of the Cabinet probably will not be decided until after the meeting of the Wafd Parliamentary group, with the Premier, Nafes Pasha, in the chair. This is scheduled for to-day (Thursday).

It is believed that King Farouk's demand for dissolution of the Blue Shirts will be rejected. The Blue Shirts are the semi-military Wafd organisation.

In this case, resignation of the Cabinet is inevitable.

Indicative of the tense situation, police officers have been recalled from leave, and all further leave have been stopped.—Trans-Ocean.

Osaka, To-day.

The first Chinese steamer flying the five-barred Republican flag of China arrived at Osaka to-day. A special welcoming ceremony was organised.—Our Own Correspondent.



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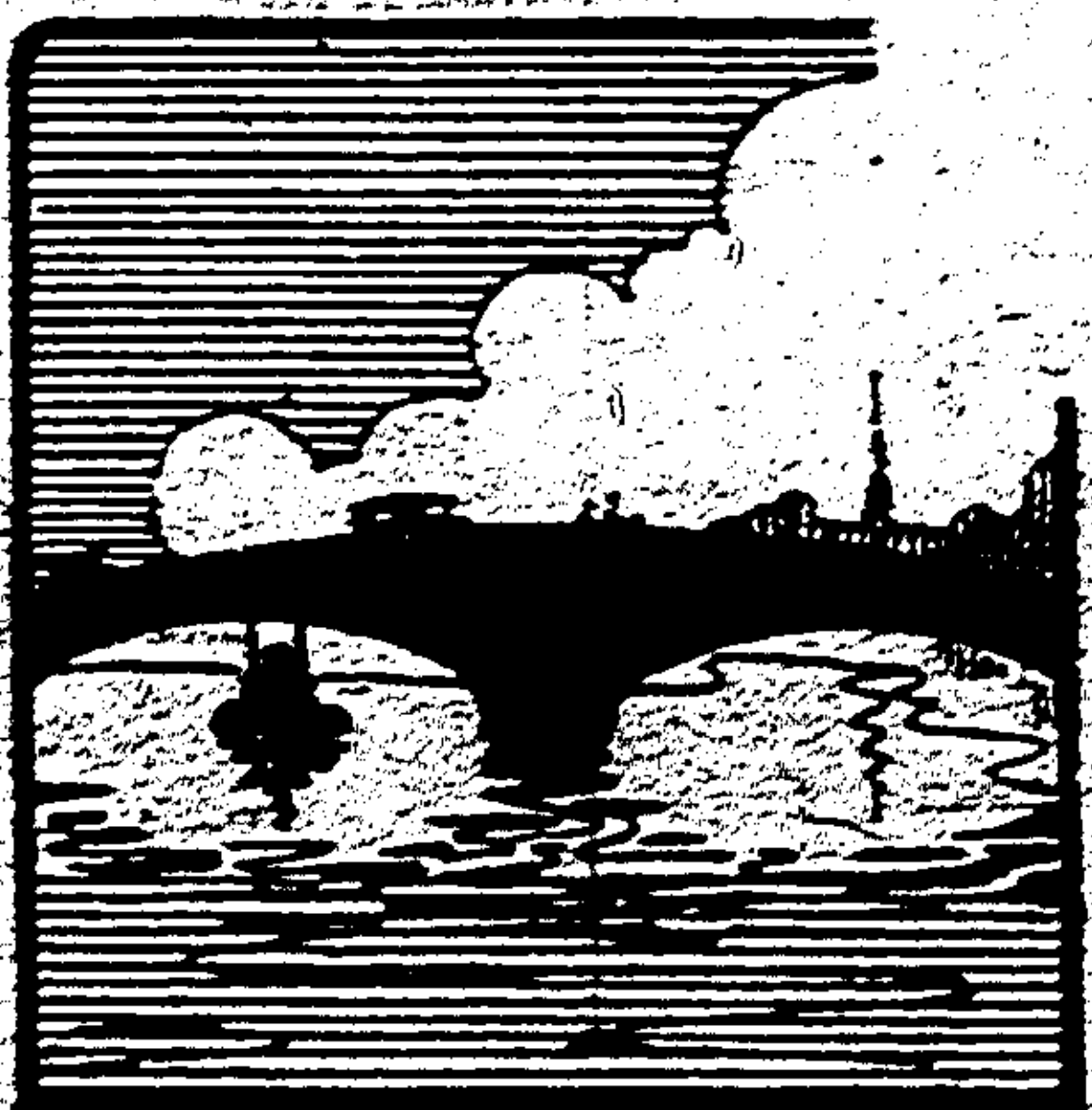
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traiture almost impossible ex-
cept under the sky of heaven; to
that distant period of the Vic-
torian era belongs the rhymed
advice to the photographer,
amateur or professional:

But when the wind is in the
north,

Lead not the wretched sitter
forth!

Thereafter apparatus improved,
but for "studio work" the cam-
era-men still had to work out of
their system the head-rest which
clamped the sitter in position and
forcibly dissuaded him from ill-
considered movement during a
time-exposure; the "stills" of
those days were either still in-
deed or irretrievably ruined. Now
wide-aperture lenses and highly
sensitive films make indoor
"snapshots" well within the
range of possibility, with the re-
sult that we find Mr. Winston
Churchill complaining that press
photographers have a growing
habit of snatching individual
portraits at public banquets of
eminent persons seized unsus-
pectingly, and it may be with
considerable loss of dignity in
the published result, in the act
of talking, eating, or drinking.
Mr. Churchill not unnaturally
protests; the banquet as a set
group, with ties straightened
and features composed, is one
thing; a piratical, momentary,
and usually distorted raid on a
single person's party manners
and appearance is an entirely
different affair and not to be
commended by the eminent who
may find the result, next week
or next morning, exposed in pub-
lic print. Mr. Churchill thinks
that those who organise ban-
quets should take pains to ex-
clude the potshot pirate with the
too widely opened lens. Cer-
tainly, if they do not some of the
eminent may decline to become

sitting birds on that form of
short exposure—how splendidly
the high table is arranged as a
perch. But how distressingly
vile man misapplies the advances
of science! As in war, so in
peace; produce the advance and
someone promptly turns it into
a nuisance or a disaster.

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The Nation's Health

The British nation may justly
congratulate itself on the pro-
gressive improvement of its
health as revealed in the report
issued recently by the Chief
Medical Officer, Sir Arthur Mc-
Nalty. The report deals not
with the facts of one year alone;
it reviews the progress of the
last quarter of a century, and its
bare figures show that a strik-
ing advance has been made since
1910. The general death-rate
has gone down from 13.2 per
1,000 to 9.2. Even more re-
markable is the reduction in the
rate of infant mortality, which
has been reduced from 128 to 59.
If we go back still farther, to
the 1840's, we find a general
death-rate of 22.4 and an infant
death-rate of 153. The number
of deaths from tuberculosis last
year, 657 per million of the
population, was the lowest that
has been recorded. If we go
back to the 1850's we find a rate
of 3,476. Though there are
difficult problems awaiting solu-
tion, notably the cause and cure
of cancer, the report is a proof
of remarkable progress. There is
one cause of death and injury to
health which remains without
any check. Since the war 98,000
people have met death on the
roads and 2,700,000 have been
injured. The figures which have
just been issued for the month
of October show the scourge to
be unabated. There were 618
people killed in that month.

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Wear and Tear of Grey Matter

Mr. Churchill's suggestion that
a wise Chancellor of the Exche-
quer might allow "authors to
write off every year against in-
come tax a substantial sum for
the depreciation of their mental
machinery through wear and
tear and through age and use"
will presumably go into one of
the pigeon-holes at the Treasury
reserved for impracticable sug-
gestions, and it must be confessed
that it might be difficult to
assess such a rebate or claim for
depreciation. Some authors, who
boast of "creative impulse"
might demur to the use of the
word "machinery," as Gilbert
did, in effect, when he complain-
ed that he had been called offi-
cially a playwright. Others
might be disinclined to admit
any "depreciation of mind," even
in order to get something back
from the tax collector.

And what would happen in in-
dividual cases should the Treas-
ury (which has its own little
ways) call upon an author to
"show cause" for claiming that
his "mind machinery" was de-
preciating? Somehow it is a little
hard to get any verisimilitude
into a picture of a queue of
authors attending at tax collect-
ing offices carrying bundles of
unfavourable press cuttings, as
evidence in favour of a rebate on
the year's tax.

PROTECTION OF BRITISH TRADE IN SOUTH CHINA

Assurance Given In House Of Commons

BOYCOTT OF JAPAN IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.
The British section of the international Transport Workers' Federation, at a meeting in London yesterday, decided to support the policy of boycott of Japanese goods.—Reuter.

LONG CABINET MEETING ON FAR EAST

London, To-day.
The Cabinet sat yesterday for four and a half hours, and reviewed the whole Far Eastern situation.

It is understood that the view was taken that there is no necessity for substantial naval reinforcement in the Far East, and it is believed that any question involving despatch of battleships and large cruisers would only arise as part of a concerted operation to meet some special emergency.

Ministers do not appear perturbed at the immediate prospects at Hong Kong.

While it has been necessary to send a Note to Japan in regard to the incident in Hong Kong territorial waters, there appears to be no evidence at present that Japan intends any deliberate infringement of that territory.—Reuter.

Reinforcement Of H.K. If Ladybird Reply Is Unsatisfactory

London, To-day.

Despatch of considerable British reinforcements to Hong Kong and Singapore is regarded in some quarters in London as a foreign conclusion in the event of the Japanese reply to the British Note on the Ladybird incident, failing to come up to expectations.

These expectations found expression in the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Japan, some in London believe, will have to give definite and unambiguous worded assurances against repetition of such incidents. Although no further official state-

MR. EDEN UNABLE TO SAY MORE

London, To-day.

THE Foreign Secretary yesterday assured the House of Commons, when a question was put on the subject, that all possible protection is being, and will be, afforded to British trade interests in South China.

Mr. Eden, however, had no information he could properly give the House.

JAPAN'S NAVAL MOVEMENTS NEAR COLONY WATCHED

London, To-day.

At Commons question-time, the first Lord of Admiralty assured that Japanese naval movements in waters adjacent to Hong Kong were being carefully watched, but added: "I have no information on the subject I could usefully give the House at present." A possible extension of Japanese military hostilities to the province of Kwangtung was also the subject of a question addressed to the Foreign Secretary who likewise assured the House that the situation was being carefully watched and that all possible protection was being and would be afforded to British trade interests in South China.—British Wireless Service.

Replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) regarding regulations still remaining in force regarding access to British-owned property in Shanghai, Mr. Eden said that while the position showed some slight improvement, it was still unsatisfactory.

The British authorities at Shanghai had spared no efforts to secure relaxation of the conditions imposed, but hitherto unsuccessfully.

He had consequently instructed the Ambassador in Tokyo to make representations to the Japanese Government on the matter.—Reuter.

TSINGTAO ORDERS BANKS TO OPEN

Tsingtao, To-day.

Local shops and banks have been ordered to open their doors, as from to-day, by the local administration, indicating that the situation here is better.

Looting is now under control. About nine looters have been executed and 200 arrested awaiting trial.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL CALL

Mr. K. Nakamura, the new Japanese Consul General paid his first official call on the acting Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Crabbe, this morning.

Eleven guns were fired from H.M.S. Eagle as Mr. Nakamura departed from the Cumberland.

ROYAL SCOTS COMING TO HONG KONG

London, To-day.

The troopship "Dunera" left Southampton yesterday on the normal troping programme. She will call at Malta, India and Hong Kong, and will disembark the 1st Battalion, Green Howards, at Malta, from where she will take the 2nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade to India.

The 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, will go from Bombay to Hong Kong in place of the 2nd Battalion, Welch Fusiliers, who are a normal part of Hong Kong's garrison, but at present are on temporary duty at Shanghai.

The Welch Fusiliers at Shanghai will go to Port Sudan, from where the 1st Battalion, Black Watch, will embark for home on March 7 next year.—Reuter.

NOTE ON CASTLE PEAK INCIDENT

London, To-day.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie has been instructed to address a Note to the Japanese Government calling attention to the incident of December 11, when a Chinese Maritime Customs cutter, while in Hong Kong territorial waters, was fired upon by a Japanese destroyer from a position outside the territorial limit.

The destroyer later sent two motorboats into territorial waters to tow the revenue protection vessel off the shore where she had been beached.

The Note requests an assurance that strict instructions have been issued to Japanese naval forces which will ensure full respect for Hong Kong territories and territorial waters.—British Wireless.

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TWO ANTI-AMERICAN Quick Apology By Local Japanese Commander

London, To-day.

TWO further incidents involving Japan and the United States were reported in yesterday evening's newspapers to have occurred near Wuhu.

Japanese soldiers are said to have pulled down the Stars and Stripes from a motor-launch belonging to the American Hospital in Wuhu, and to have thrown the flag into the Yangtse.

Furthermore, Japanese soldiers, Chinese passport and are reported to have entered and China. He caused searched the Academy of Science at saying "Robbers" "Wuhu, and to have afterwards or-ently referring to dered the Chinese director of the When questioned if Academy, which is under American Russian he said he administration, to haul down the in an effort to find American flag from the roof of the he could speak, a preter spoke to him Mandarin and the

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ROOSEVELT'S BUDGET ATTITUDE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to Mr. Wilburn Cartwright, Chairman of the roads committee of the House of Representatives, reaffirmed his intention with regard to Federal spending.

The President asserted that Congress and the Democratic majority "must accept full responsibility" if the President's budget estimates are exceeded.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

King George has been made a General in the Danish Army, says an official announcement from Copenhagen.—Trans-Ocean.

OUTSTANDING POINTS SETTLED

London, To-day.

The non-intervention committee has agreed to all outstanding points regarding the mandate to be given to commissions to be spent to Spain to supervise withdrawal of foreign volunteers.

It is contemplated to start preliminary work on Dec. 31.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN TROUBLE

The patience of Mr. was taxed at the Cent when Peter Vasilievich a Russian, was charging the Colony without port on December 13.

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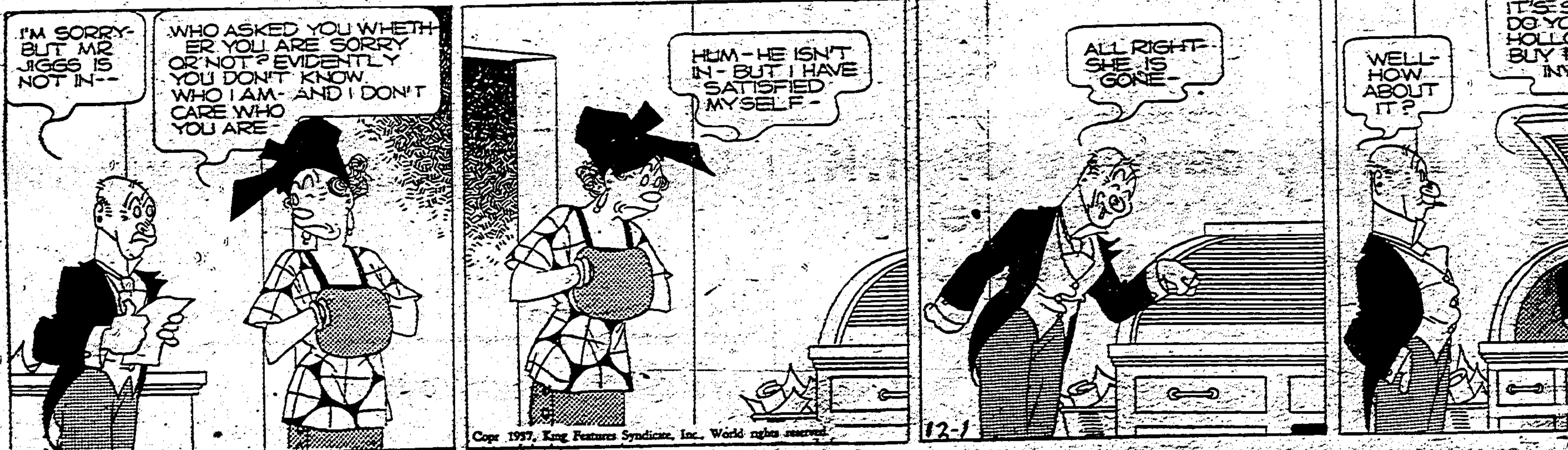
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GOVT. GRANT FOR WATERLOO BRIDGE

London, To-day.
The Minister of Transport, an-
nounced in the Commons at ques-
tion time that the Government had
decided to make a sixty per cent.
grant towards the cost of the new
Waterloo Bridge.

The decision had been reached in
view of a recognition of the fact
that the new bridge is an essential
feature in a number of important
improvements in the highway facili-
ties of the metropolis, which, after
a review of present and future
traffic requirements, the Govern-
ment have satisfied themselves are
necessary.

The grant is expected to amount
to a sum approaching \$500,000.

Doctor Burgin's announcement
was welcomed by Mr. Herbert Mor-
rison, himself former Minister of
Transport, and leader of the
majority party on the London
County Council.—British Wireless.

refused.

Defendant had an expulsion or-
der made against him.

ITALIAN KING'S COUSIN MAKES A SUGGESTION

Rome, To-day.
A suggestion that France and
Britain should return to Germany
her former South African col-
onies, is made in an article in
"Popolo d'Italia," signed by a
cousin of the King of Italy.

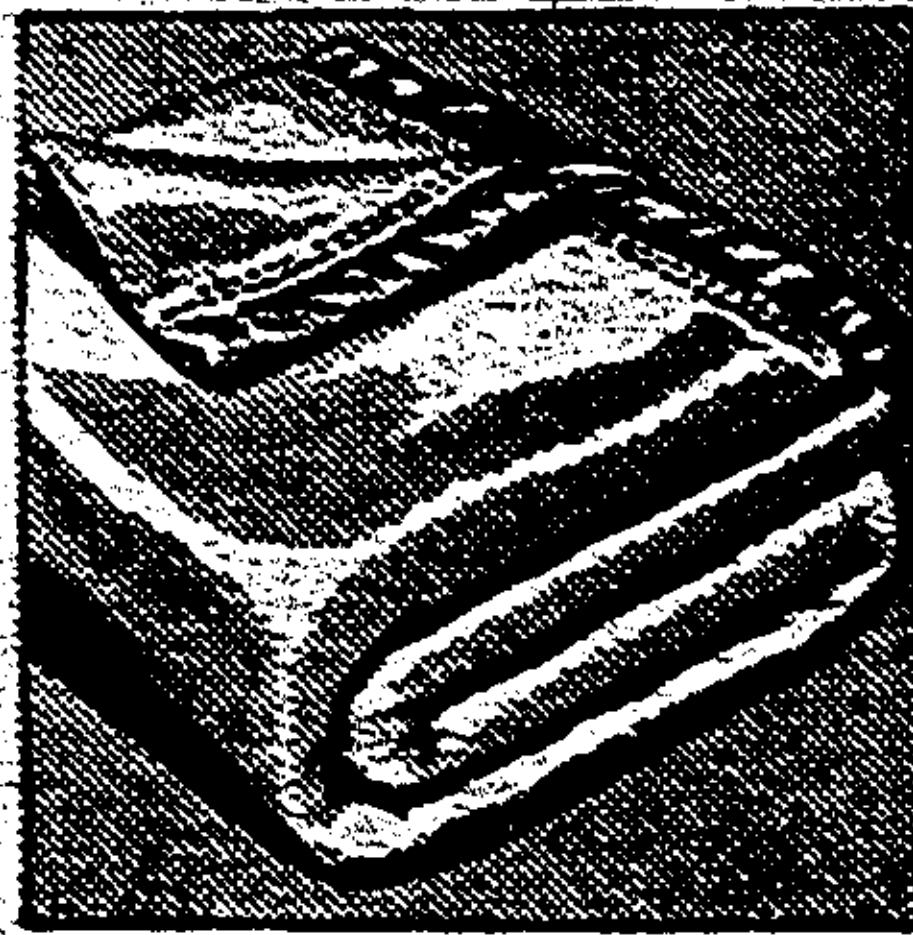
The article says that Germany, by
destroying the Versailles Treaty and
remilitarising the Rhine, had contri-
buted towards the peace of Europe,
as indicated the strength of Ger-
many, and would prevent aggressive
nations attacking her.

The article adds that if the French
and British Governments understand
the necessity for such acts, they
should return the colonies as a con-
tribution towards the peace of
Europe.—Reuter.

TERUEL NOW COMPLETELY TAKEN

Madrid, To-day.
An official communique says that
the whole of Teruel has now been
occupied by Government troops,
though occasional shots still ring
out in the town from Nationalist
snipers.—Trans-Ocean.

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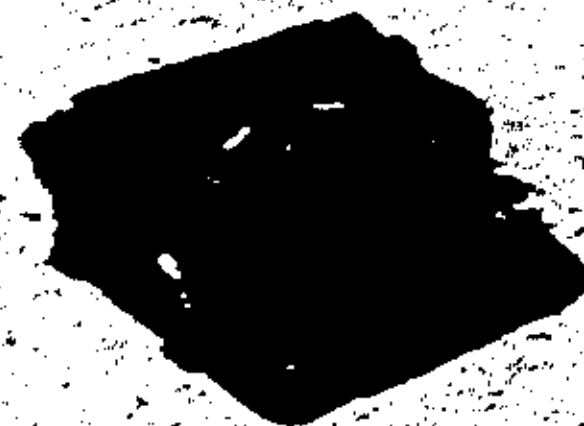
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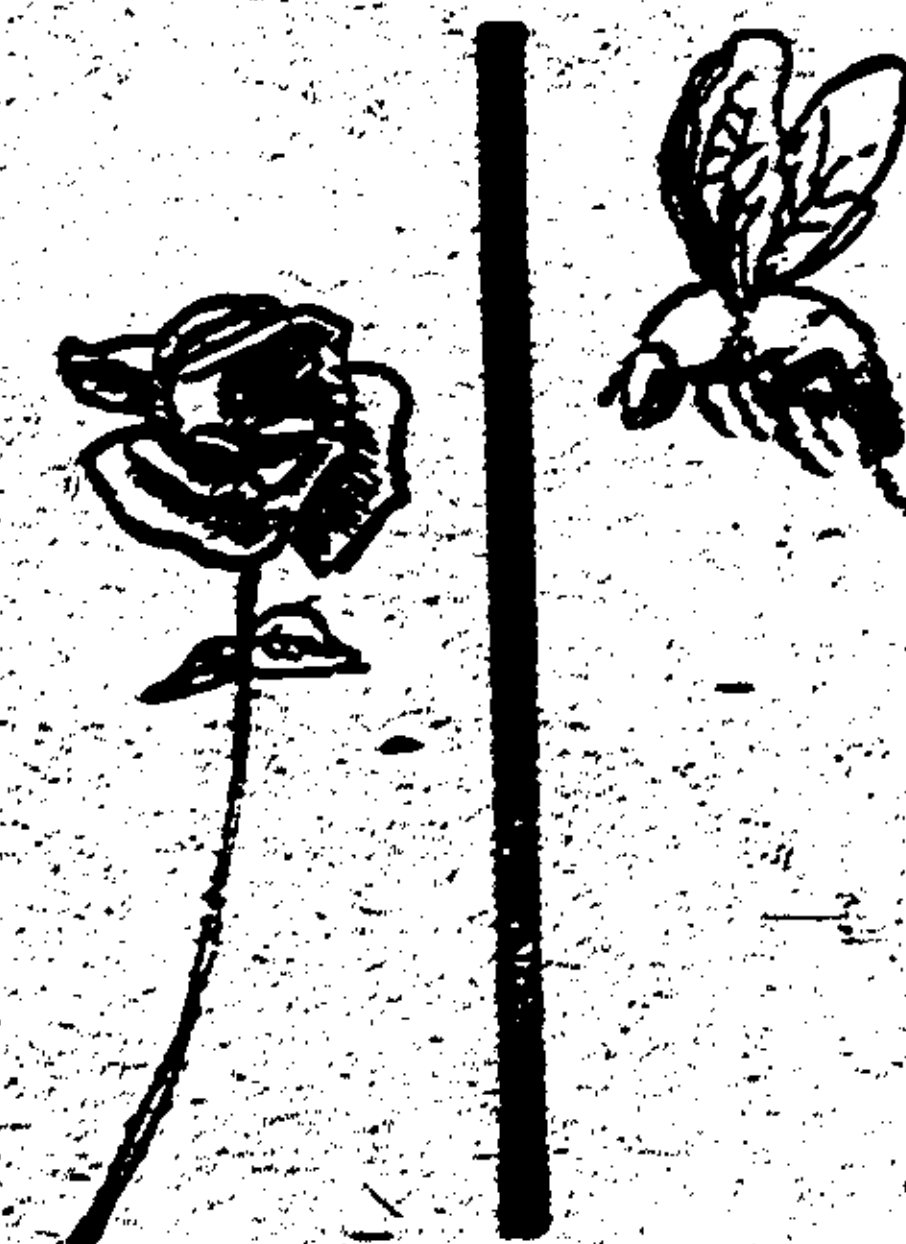
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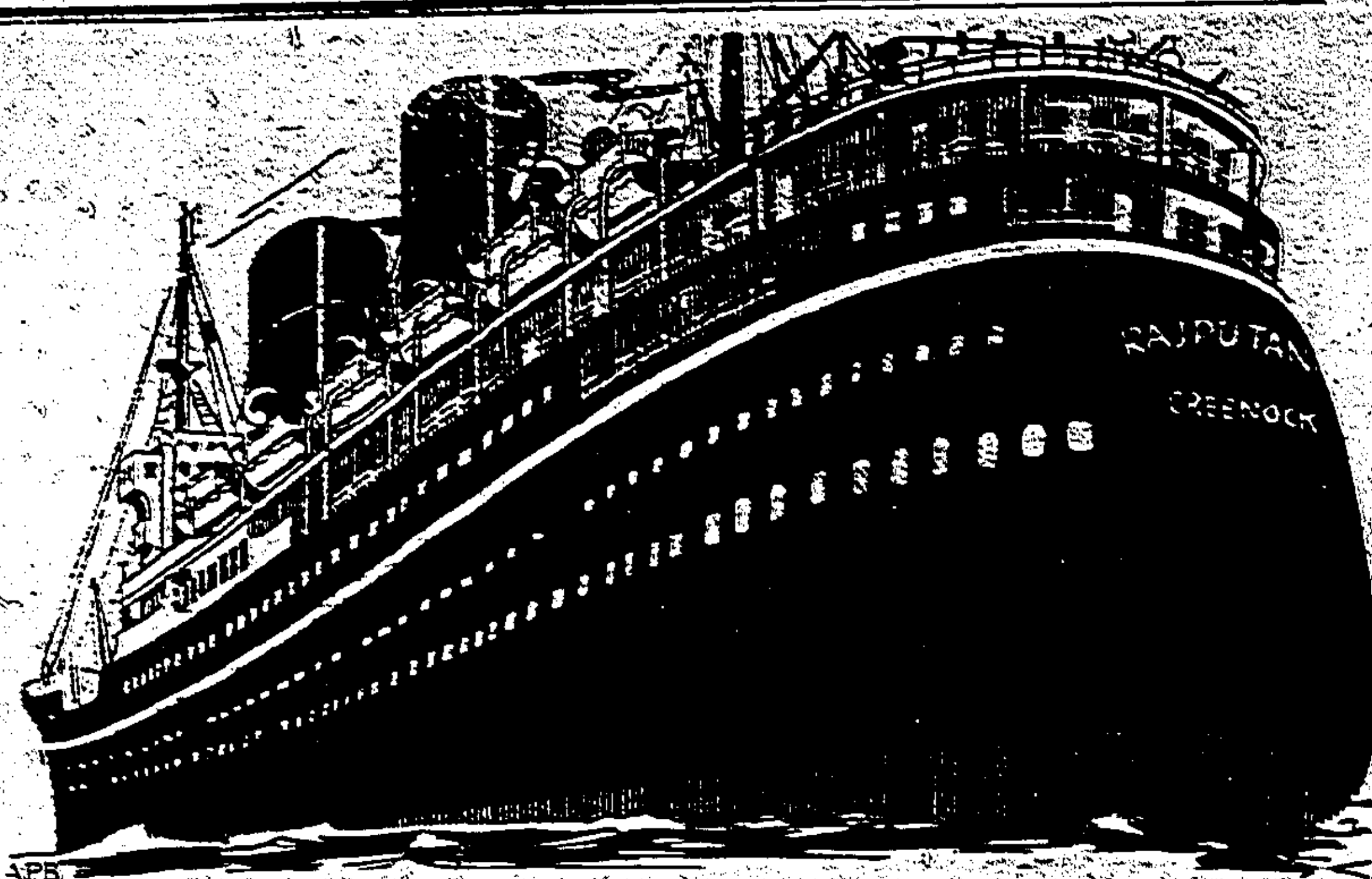
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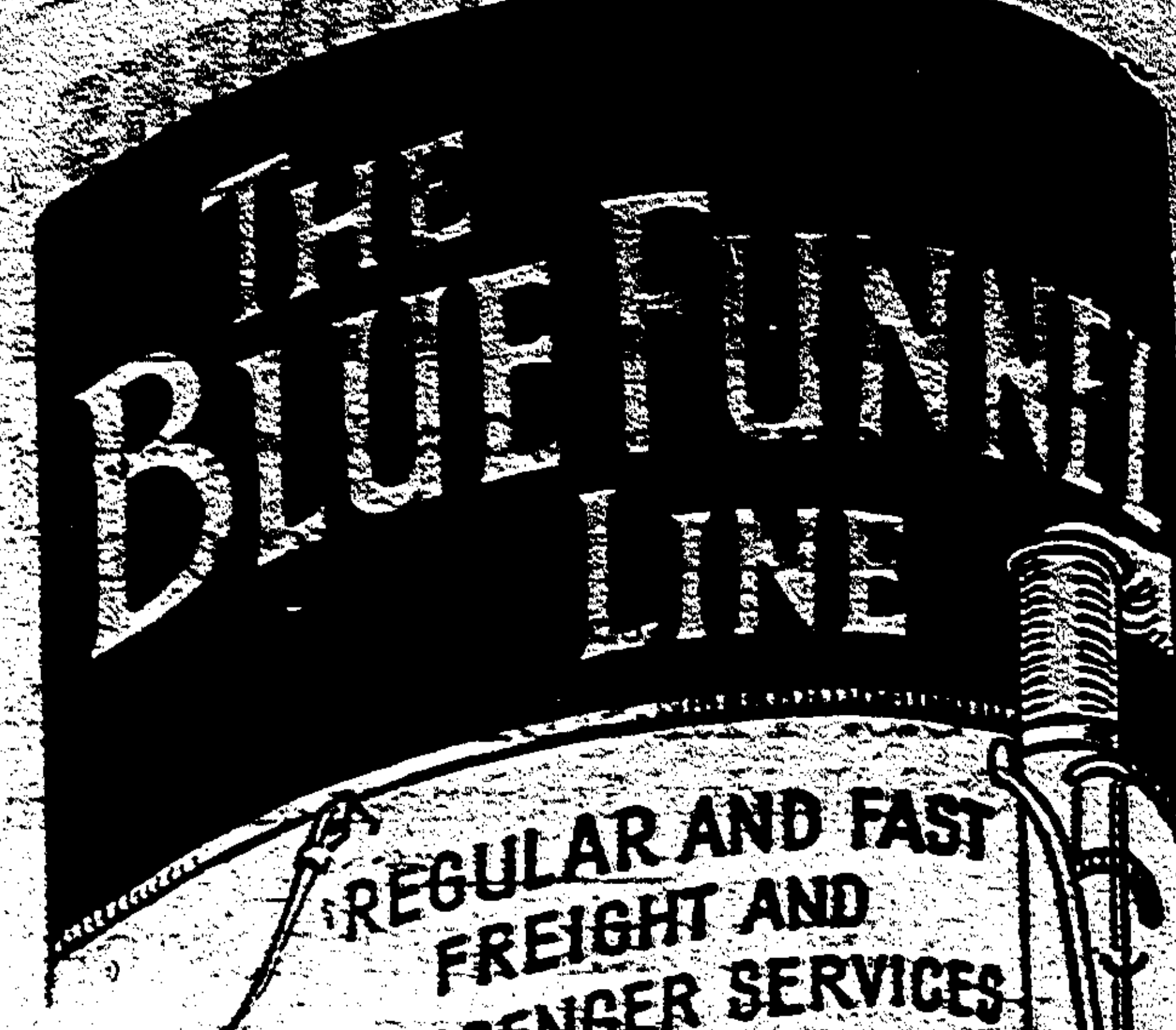
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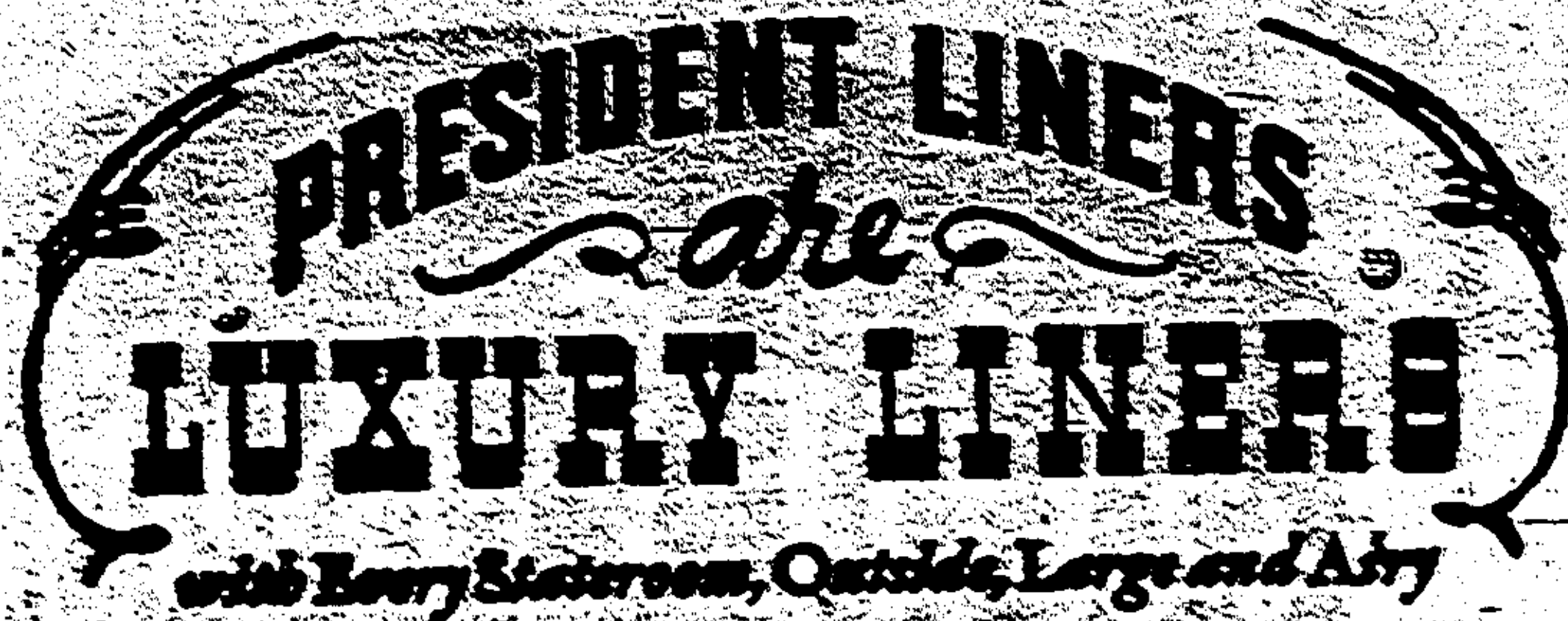
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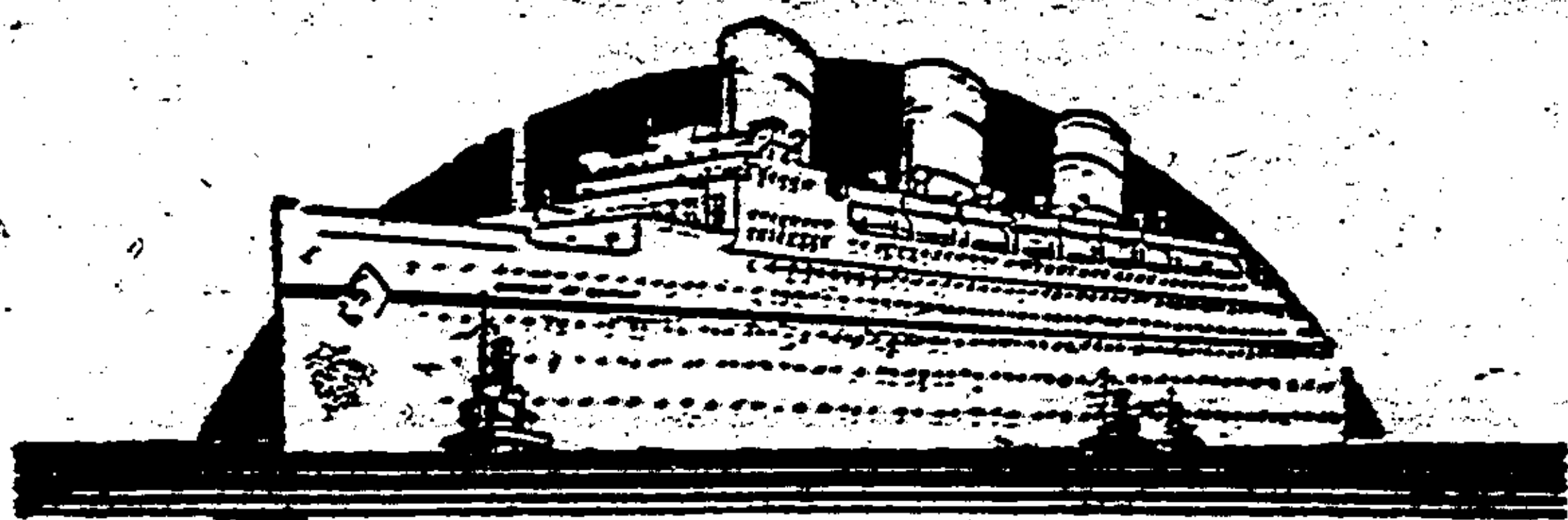
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ingly acknowledge and thank the College authorities for what they have done for unfortunate refugee children. I was very glad to hear the good account which the Prefect of Studies was able to give of their conduct and I feel sure that some day they will look back with gratitude and happiness upon the time which they spent here.

INDUSTRIOUS HABIT

I listened with much interest to what the Prefect of Studies had to say about the examination for the School Leaving Certificate and the standard to which it should attain. I do not intend to make any final pronouncement on that important subject to-day. I have not had time to study it in its local application, and it is, indeed, a question which I have postponed deliberately until I can discuss it with Mr. Sayer who has been dealing with it during his leave.

But I am prepared to state it as my present view that the examination standard for the School Leaving Certificate should, as in Great Britain, put that useful document within the reach of the average boy of fairly industrious habit. The Matriculation standard, on the other hand, must obviously be on a higher plane. But I personally know of no reason why these two different qualifications should not be obtainable in Hong Kong through one examination, as they are in Great Britain, the higher being won by an adequate number of credits.

NECESSARY EVILS

The other point which I wish to mention is that we should strive to attain our object in this direction with the minimum of examination. In my view the setting of examinations is a thing to be avoided as much as possible, though I admit that to some extent examinations are necessary evils. They impose a heavy strain on the pupil and the teacher and they have no teaching value in themselves. This may sound oddly at a ceremony at which rewards gained through examinations are being presented: but, I make no apology for stating which I believe to be a not unimportant truth.

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properly fulfilled if the person honoured with the privilege of presenting the prizes did not congratulate the winners on their various successes. That I do very heartily and in doing so I recognise that theirs can have been no light struggle: for the scholastic record of the past year, to which I have already referred, is proof that there are very many able and hard-working boys in the College; and to come out top among such competitors is no mean feat. Frequently such congratulations to the winners are followed by condolences to the losers but I do not intend to offer these. When all is said and done, the credit belonging to those who were the runners-up in such close competition is nearly as great as that of the prize-winners and personally I think that congratulations are due also to those who "proxime accesserunt." Those congratulations I offer very sincerely.

STRUGGLE OF LIFE

Lastly I offer my good wishes for success to all those who at the end of the last school-year emerged into the wider and more difficult struggle of life. The prizes there are less easy to discern than those at school and may look less attainable. But for all that they are many in number and within the reach of all who are prepared for a life of hard work coupled with honest purpose.

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SUNDAYS CRICKET MATCHES

(By "ADREM")

DESPITE a stiff north wind and an occasionally overcast sky which made matters too cold for comfort, the whole-day match, played last Sunday at King's Park between the Club de Recreio and Craigengower, proved an exceedingly enjoyable affair, a good time being had by all.

CRAIGENGOWER, WHO WERE FAR MORE SOUNDLY BEATEN THAN THE SCORES SUGGEST, SACRIFICED THEMSELVES, AT THE ALTER OF—SOFTBALL AND, APART FROM ERNIE ZIMMERN, BATTED LIKE A COLLECTION OF RABBIT. AS ONE FACETIOUS GENTLEMAN PUT IT, A CRICKET BALL WAS MUCH TOO SMALL TO BE HIT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR PRODIGIOUS HITTING—OR SO THEY TOLD US—OF THE INFINITELY LARGER—SOFTBALL.

In actual fact, the real cause of their downfall, to my mind, was the over-watered wicket. It was really quite amusing to watch some attempts at hooking. In most cases, the batsman had completed his stroke and from what I could see as square-leg umpire, had then a sufficiency of time to have had another stab at it.

I am not sure who won the toss but judging from the fact that at least half the Craigengower team were beating up the Forum, and being beaten up by the Vets at Softball, I should imagine that Edie Gosano presented them with the first innings rather than delay the start further.

ISMAIL IMPRESSIVE

George Sousa and A. K. Ismail opened and although neither of them made many runs, they stayed in quite a time and never seemed to have very much difficulty with the bowling. Of the two, Sousa was the man with the reputation but Ismail's knock impressed me tremendously.

He has improved beyond all recognition and played some strokes that were really brilliant. It came as quite a surprise when he put one up to Ozorio off L. G. Gosano which the former held without much difficulty.

Souza kept on going, while Hong Sling, Hamson and Gobind were dismissed but when he appeared to be well set for a useful score, he played one from L. Gosano on to his wicket to end rather a tentative innings which was a strange mixture of extremely good, and extremely bad stroking.

RESTRAINED

Ernie Zimmern alone batted as if he meant it. He quickly gauged the pace of the pitch and if he was far more restrained than one is accustomed to seeing him, he punished anything overpitched with hearty vigour.

Rapley made 13 but remaining batsmen never looked like making runs and the innings eventually realised 86. I was very impressed (Continued on Page 19)



Many trial eights of Cambridge University are now at practice on the River Cam under the supervision of T. B. Langton, the new Cambridge president. It is the final training period before the Christmas vacation, the pick of the men being selected to form the University boat-race team to race against Oxford University. Photo shows—A novel angle shot of one of the crews at practice on the River Cam. (Fox Copyright)

CLUB WIN TRIANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

(By "STICKS")

TWO goals down and with only seven minutes to go did not deter the Club from making a fight of their Triangular Tournament encounter against the Army yesterday, at King's Park, and two quick goals by Divett ultimately saw them share four goals and secure the Triangular Tournament Championship for the second successive year.

The Army fielded a fairly powerful team and on yesterday's play should have won by at least 4 goals to 2, but a stubborn Club defence, combined with mistakes in the Club circle by Army forwards, favoured the Civilians and in spite of the fact that several of their promising attacking movements had broken down just outside the Army circle, they carried on their quest gamely, and the two goals which Divett scored were much deserved ones, although had the Army custodian played a more confident game, the result would have been different.

The Army had Kishan Singh at left-back, Swanson being an "absentee" and this considerably strengthened their back division. Ray and Stapleton, the Army right-half and centre-half, respectively, gave very sound performances, and the latter was always up with his forwards rendering them every assistance in attack.

SOUND INCLUSION

Khuda Bux, included on the right-wing after I had twice advocated his inclusion in preference to Shah Wali, was always very dangerous when in possession, and his close support of the corner hits resulted in a fine Army second goal.

Saval Khan, at inside-right, and Pritam Nath, at centre-forward, were again the pick of the Army's inside-forwards, Nerain Singh being an absentee from the inside-left berth, which was filled by Gopal Ram, and, as a result of which Partab Singh was again forced to play a lone hand, and he did so excellently.

The Army attack, however, worked much better than on the last occasion they met the Club, and but for splendid defensive work by Wallace, Bates, Willy Reed and E. V. Reed, they might have scored half a dozen goals.

LATE RECOVERY

The Club team were at sixes and sevens yesterday, except for the last 15 minutes, of the game when several splendid passing bouts were witnessed, and at least four centres from both wings should have found a resting place in the net.

The trouble with the Club attack yesterday was that the two wingers, Fowler and Bond, were starved through no fault of their inside forwards, but indirectly through their halves, who had too

much to cope with in breaking up the Army attacks let alone feed their own forwards.

Whitley was again very conspicuous in the attack and together with Divett and Bickford was seen in many splendid movements which should have materialised into goals.

SO RAGGED THAT

As a team there was something lacking in the play of the Club. They seemed to have lost their inspiration and at one stage they were so ragged that several of their supporters left the field thinking all had been lost.

Partab Singh opened the scoring for the Army in their first half when he rounded off a burst down the left-wing with a glorious goal from an oblique angle, which Benwell was powerless to prevent. The Army led till the interval.

In the second half the Army pressed from the first bully-off and the Club defenders were given a trying time, often clearing the ball from two yards off their own goal-line.

A short corner taken on the left, saw Benwell partially clear from Pritam Nath, but Khuda Bux netted as a result of following up.

CLUB REVIVE

The Army kept on pressing with their bigger lead, but a change came over the Club attack within the last 15 minutes after Divett had twice failed to find the net in desperate efforts.

Eventually Willy Reed took the ball into the Club circle where Whitley fired in a shot at Wilson, the Army custodian's kicking-clearance being intercepted by Divett, who reduced the Club's arrears. With barely two minutes to go the Club attack stormed the Army citadel and in a melee Divett placed his team on level terms. No side was given soon afterwards.

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TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S

ENGLAND'S RUGBY TEAM IS TAKING SHAPE

F.J. REYNOLDS MAY SOLVE PROBLEM AT STAND-OFF

PLAYERS SHOULD REVISE THE SCRUMMAGE LAWS

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, November 17.

THE days of representative football loom nearer. On Saturday fortnight the first England trial match takes place at Newcastle. The University match sets Twickenham alight in less than three weeks, and the County Championship is unravelling itself gradually. This afternoon, incidentally, Hampshire and Middlesex meet at Bournemouth, a game which will be of considerable interest to Surrey supporters.

WE SHOULD BE TURNING OUR MINDS TOWARDS STERN REALITIES, IN FACT, A PROSPECT WHICH IS NOT PARTICULARLY PLEASING. SOMEHOW THE SEASON DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE MATURED AS QUICKLY AS USUAL, POSSIBLY BECAUSE THE REVISED LAWS HAVE CAUSED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CHAOS.

Correspondents have been kind enough to deluge me with their ideas about the England team, and I find that opinions vary greatly. Certain forwards appear in most lists—R. J. Longland, for example, and some of the Coventry stalwarts, with A. Seaton a particular favourite, and G. T. Dancer, of Bedford, and E. A. Hamilton-Hill, of the Harlequins—but when we come to the backs there is considerable confusion.

MIDFIELD CANDIDATES

The difficulty is to pick the mid-field players. There are a number of scrum-halves about, chief among them J. L. Giles, B. C. Gadney and J. D. Low, but where are the stand-off halves of international calibre?

Towards the end of last season F. J. Reynolds made a name for himself as a clever and constructive runner, and in the Calcutta Cup match he did well. He has been abroad since, and only returns December 17, but if he proves to be fit in time for the final trial he may solve the stand-off half problem.

THE CENTRES

As for the centres, they are liable to cause the selectors the utmost perplexity. I hear that P. Crammer is playing excellently in the Midlands, and we must not forget P. Candler, whatever his critics may say of him. Then there is W. H. Roden, of Cambridge, and B. E. Nicholson, of the Harlequins, will probably come into the reckoning.

Discussing the England side at random like this, the outlook does not seem particularly hopeful. I fancy, though, that pessimism is premature.

England should at least have a grand pack, and players behind the scrum-mage will emerge in due course. Our perspective will sharpen when we forget the amiable confusions of club football.

PLEA FOR SHORTER SEASON

It was very welcome, by the way, to hear J. A. Tallent at the Blackheath dinner pleading for a curtailment of the Rugby season. He talked with feeling of the absurdity of starting in September, and said that wherever he went he found that players agreed with him.

Apart from anything else, it was good to have the players' point of view. On this particular issue Tallent will have plenty of support, and I suggest it is high time that players were consulted on other questions of policy.



Here, for example, is a letter which puts the case admirably:

"Don't you think that it is about time that the players were consulted about this scrum-mage law? Surely the laws are made for the game and not vice versa? The laws are at present being framed by a committee of old men (in a purely comparative sense) who have taken no active part in the game for years, either as players or referees."

"Admitting that legislation is the job of the elder statesmen, I cannot help thinking that the actual players, if called upon to make the law instead of regarding it as something like a police regulation which every right-minded citizen will break if he can safely do so (!) would find their own solutions without much difficulty."

STATEMENT OF FACT

Now this is not the letter of an inveterate reactionary, nor does it imply disrespect for men who have devoted to much time and thought to our great game. It is a plain statement of fact. Theorising about so complex a subject as scrum-maging must always be dangerous.

Only the forward straining away down there can fully understand the difficulties involved. Legislation cannot be satisfactorily manufactured by spectators. It must evolve directly from the actual experience of players. The players, then, should be consulted.

WOULD BE SIMPLE

The opinions of a representative committee of front row forwards and scrum-halves, with Mr. C. H. Gadney in the chair, let us say, would be most illuminating. I am convinced that the law they produced would be extremely simple.

Beyond question the present state of affairs is disastrous. I make no apology for referring to it again. Referees, scrum-halves and forwards are bewildered and scrum-maging in the meanwhile is going to bits. I am told, on the best authority, that the intention of the scrum-mage laws is simplification, and also an attempt to ensure that the ball reaches the centre of an ordered scrum.

NEAR-FOOT HOOKING

The theoretical intention may be sound, but in practice the object of the revisions is more generally defeated week by week. Near-foot hooking, the old bugbear, is rapidly on the increase, and even the outside men, as I saw at Bristol, are co-operating with scrum-

halves to mock at the hopes of legislators.

One very experienced referee writes to me on this point, saying "Of course, all this should be ruthlessly penalised, but did penalties stop the old 'near-foot' hookers? Moreover, I hold the view—strange in a referee!—that there are far too many penalizable offences already and the last thing the game wants is more penalties."

"HEAR, HEAR!"

To that observation I can imagine "Hear, hear!" arising in a great chorus from players and

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made some prodigious hits including one well into the Tung Wah Hospital.

I am told that even this hit did not satisfy his lust for sixes, so it seems his idea was to hit one right out of the Valley.

Seaforth's batted pluckily but although the majority of the team reached double-figures, Sgt. Chaplin's 28 was easily the highest score and their innings closed at 159. Freddie Zimmern, on one of his rare outings with the ball, took 3 for 10.



Cricket

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with the bowling of young Gosano, who took 4 wickets. A left-hander with a pleasing action in which he makes full use of his body, he has the happy knack of being able to make a ball nip off the dearest wicket.

TRY TO BOWL FAST

At the moment he has a decided propensity for bowling on the leg, chiefly, I think, through trying to bowl too fast. He will learn by experience, that to bowl fast is not the beginning and ending of everything.

E. L. Gosano bowled with all his old skill and turned the ball very sharply from the off. The ball which beat Ernie Zimmern was a beauty. Slightly short of a length, it turned back viciously to take the leg stump.

A. M. Rodrigues and Willie Reed started off as if they would secure the runs off their own bats. Both were confidence personified and although they did not score at any phenomenal pace, they never looked like getting out.

SMART WICKET-KEEPING

Ismail found a spot, however, with the score about 70 and, with the aid of some smart work by Ernie Zimmern, behind the stumps, dismissed both opening batsmen and skittled out the rest of the side in quick time to eventually return and analysis of 6 for 35 in 12 overs.

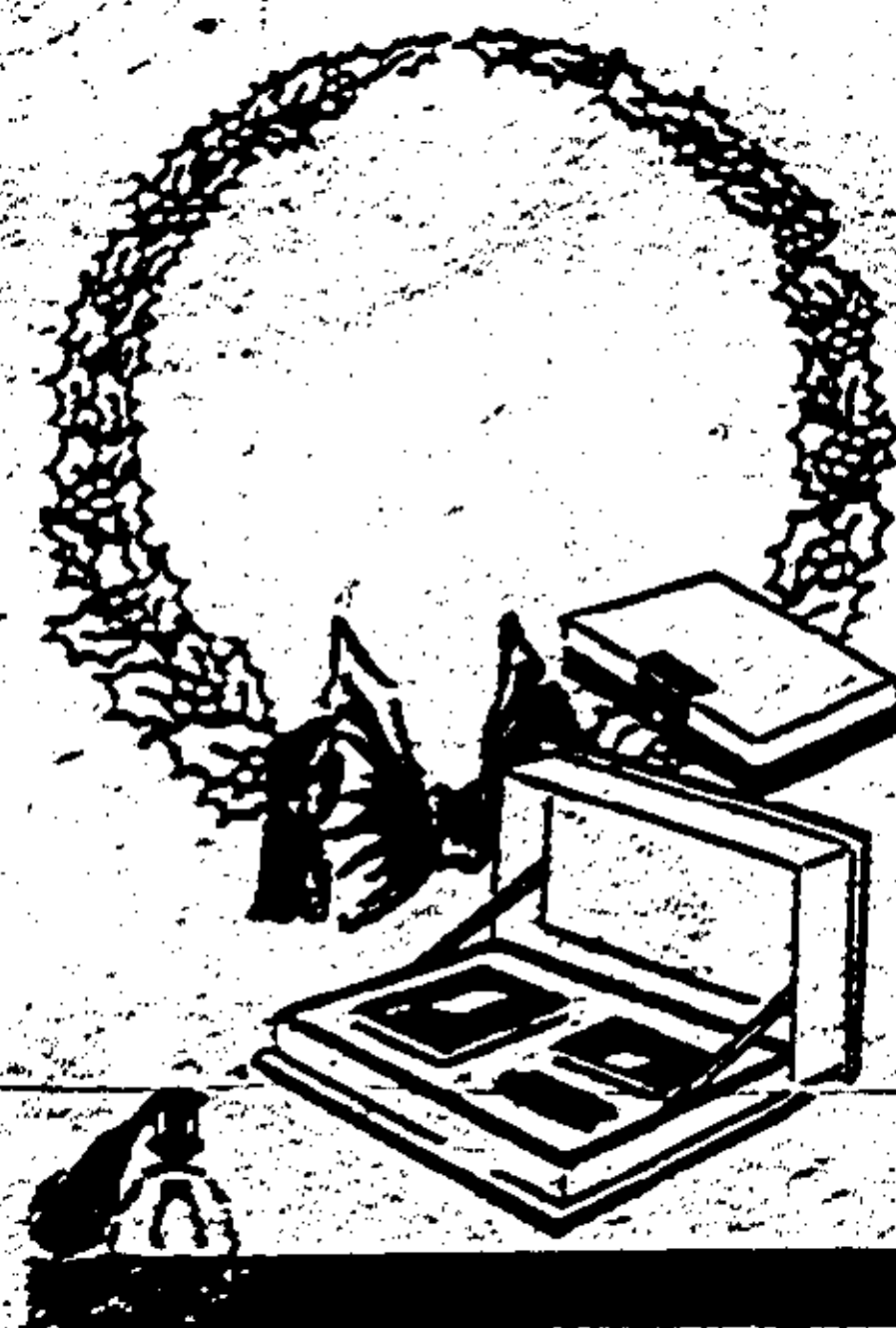
Both teams fielded very well indeed and the skippers, Eddie Gosano and Ernie Zimmern made full use of their opportunities.

K.C.C. v SEAFORTH'S

At Sookumpoo, a K.C.C. team composed of members of both the Senior and Junior elevens, made light of the Seaforth attack and declared at 356 for 3. Baxter made 33 and Anderson retired after scoring 103 but the fireworks were provided by G. F. O'Bryen during an innings which lasted a brief 30 minutes.

Hitting lustily at everything he

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8 Matches And Team 95 Goals Down

London, November 14.

Seven Ash (Somerset) village football team have had 100 goals scored against them in eight matches this season — but their trainer, Mr. F. J. Withers, thinks they "haven't done so badly."

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Oct. 16: v. Taunton Gas Company	0 11
Nov. 6: v. Reivon	1 10
Nov. 13: v. Weir Rovers Res.	1 12



Mr. Withers told the *Daily Mirror*: "Actually they have not done so badly, as this is their first season."

"They're as keen as mustard, and Weir Rovers, who gave them their biggest licking, wrote to say they had played a sporting game."

The average age of the team is twenty.



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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

HOME													AWAY																												
FIRST DIVISION													SECOND DIVISION																												
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Bolton (20)	d	Dd	Dw		20	10	5	2	3	21	13	13	10	3	2	5	11	12	11	24	Sheffield U. (-)	w	Lw	W		21	11	9	1	1	21	9	19	10	4	5	1	15	16	9	28
Leeds (19)	DI	Wd	W		20	11	7	1	3	19	10	17	9	1	3	5	12	18	7	24	Aston Villa (9)	I	Wl	W		20	10	7	1	2	21	6	16	10	4	4	2	10	12	10	26
Arsenal (3)	w	Ww	Wl		20	9	6	1	2	22	14	14	11	3	6	2	15	17	9	23	Bradford (20)	I	Wd	W		20	10	6	0	4	23	9	16	10	2	3	5	8	13	9	25
Preston (14)	Wd	Wl	D		20	11	6	1	4	20	9	16	9	2	4	3	13	13	7	23	Chesterfield (15)	L	d	D		20	9	4	2	2	18	13	10	11	4	3	4	14	15	12	22
Wolves (5)	DI	Wl		19	10	6	0	4	20	6	16	9	3	5	1	8	15	7	23	Burnley (13)	Wl	D		21	11	6	1	4	18	7	16	10	1	5	4	12	20	6	22		
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Chelsea (13)	DI	Wl		20	11	7	1	3	24	11	17	9	2	6	1	15	27	5	22	Manchester U. (-)	w	Ww	Wl		19	9	5	2	2	18	8	12	10	2	8	1	15	22	5	21	
Charlton (2)	d	Ld	Ww		19	10	5	2	3	17	10	13	9	2	2	5	10	13	9	22	Tottenham (10)	Wl	Wl	W		20	9	7	0	2	20	6	16	10	1	7	2	14	31	4	20
Sunderland (8)	d	Dl	D		20	10	6	2	2	19	11	14	10	1	5	4	12	23	7	21	Norwich (17)	d	L	W		20	10	7	1	2	20	16	16	10	1	7	2	10	22	6	19
Derby (4)	Id	W	d		20	10	4	2	4	21	15	12	10	2	4	4	11	26	8	20	*Stockport (-)	D	w	Dl		20	9	5	2	3	13	9	13	10	2	6	2	10	22	6	19
Stoke (10)	DI	Wl		20	10	5	1	4	24	7	14	10	2	7	1	5	13	5	19	Barnsley (14)	W	d	Wl		20	9	5	2	2	17	9	12	11	1	7	3	12	23	7	19	
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Sheffield U. (-) wwWwW	21	11	9	1	1	21	9	19	10	4	5	1	15	16	9	23	10	28							
Aston Villa (9) IWIWw	20	10	7	1	2	21	6	16	10	4	4	2	10	12	10	26	9	25							
Bradford (20) IwDwWw	20	10	6	0	4	23	9	16	10	2	3	5	8	13	9	25	10	25							
Chesterfield (15) LdDdL	20	9	6	2	2	18	13	10	11	4	3	4	14	15	12	22	9	22							
Burnley (13) WdDdD	21	11	6	1	4	18	7	16	10	1	5	4	12	20	6	22	10	22							
West Ham (6) DIWlL	19	10	7	1	2	18	12	16	10	4	5	8	13	5	21	9	21								
Manchester U. (-) wWwWl	19	9	5	2	2	18	8	12	10	3	6	1	9	27	9	21	10	21							
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Norwich (17) dLlWd	20	10	7	1	2	20	16	16	10	1	7	2	14	31	4	20	10	20							
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Notts. F. (18) LwWIW	20	11	6	3	2	16	11	14	9	1	5	3	6	11	5	19	10	19							
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Southampton (-) WIWwl	19	10	5	2	3	23	15	13	9	2	7	0	12	28	4	17	10	17							
Swansea (16) lLlDl	20	11	5	2	4	15	11	12	9	0	6	3	7	18	3	15	10	17							
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Fulham (11) DdWlL	19	9	2	2	5	13	12	8	10	1	7	2	5	21	4	12	10	17							
Plymouth (3) lLIWl	20	9	4	3	2	17	15	10	11	1	9	1	7	25	2	12	10	17							

RECREIO DEMONSTRATE SUPERIORITY

Crushing Defeat Of Kowloon Tong

MIXED BADMINTON

Playing at Kowloon Tong last night, Club de Recreio proved beyond all doubt that they have still the finest Mixed Doubles combination in the Colony.

They beat the home team—generally conceded to be their strongest challengers—by the large margin of 8 games to 1 without ever being really seriously extended.

While the Recreio men were a good deal superior to their opposite numbers, the same could not be said of the ladies. It was experience and combination that won the day.

Kowloon Tong should not allow this reverse to upset them unduly and although they must now give up any ideas they may have had regarding the winning of the championship, they can still finish in the runners-up position, provided they can maintain their current form.

R. E. Lee and Miss M. Xavier (K. Tong).

lost to M. A. Oliveira and Miss

M. Silva 10-21

lost to J. J. Remedios and Miss

O. Ribeiro jun. 13-21

lost to L. A. Carvalho and Miss

M. Ribeiro 16-21

A. W. da Roza and Mrs. A. E. H.

Castro (K. Tong).

lost to Oliveira and Miss Silva 3-21

lost to Remedios and Miss Ri-

beiro 9-21

beat Carvalho and Miss M. Ri-

beiro 21-9

F. S. Ko and Mrs. A. W. da Roza (K.

Tong).

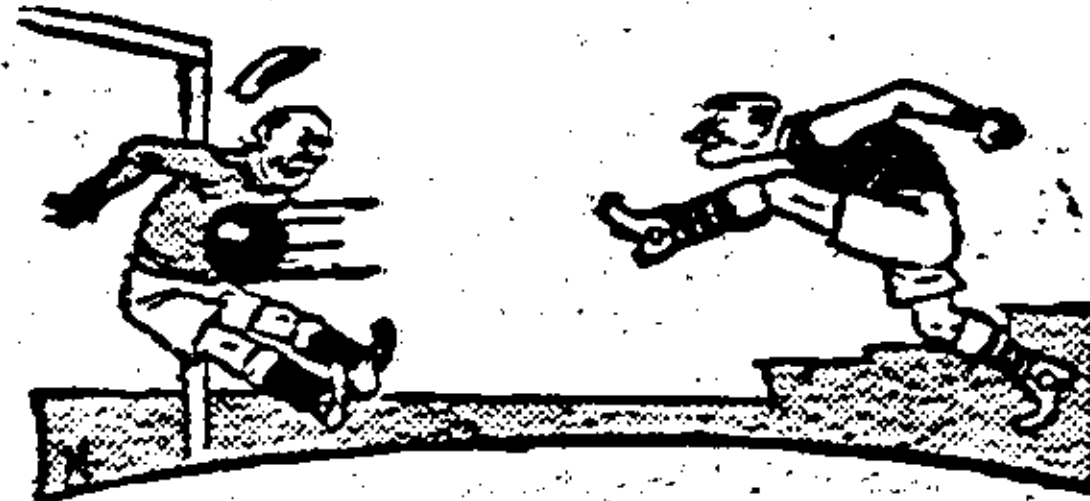
lost to Oliveira and Miss Silva 5-21

lost to Remedios and Miss O.

Ribeiro 14-21

lost to Carvalho and Miss M.

Ribeiro 12-21



FOOTBALL IN MACAO

Overseas Chinese To Pay Xmas Visit

The Overseas Chinese football team will be visiting Macao during the Christmas holidays and will engage in three matches. The team, which will leave on Saturday morning, will include several well-known league footballers.

The following players will make the trip—Wong Wah-gay, Tam Kong-pak, Lam Pak-wai, Ng Tak-wing, Lee Kwok-wai, Man Sau-ki, Chow Man-chi, Tso Kwai-shing, Ng Po-kui, Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheung, Ho Kar-keung, Darky Lee and Cheung Moon-wing.



TRIANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Navy In Commanding Position

Navy are in a commanding position against the Army as the result of the first day's play in the annual Triangular Tournament cricket match started on the Club ground yesterday.

With Carless and Boucher striking their best form, Army, who had first lease of the wicket, could total only 116 runs to which Lt. Weedon and Lt. MacLagan were the chief contributors.

Nearly all the Navy batsmen made runs and at the conclusion of their innings, the Senior Service were 92 runs in the lead.

ARMY — 1ST INNINGS

Lt. Weedon, c Ogle, b Boucher	37
Cpl. Jones, c Walters, b Kyrke	10
Lieut. MacLagan, c and b Boucher	25
Capt. Mackintosh-Walker, b Carless	15
Lieut. Beadnell, c Woods, b Boucher	3
Lieut. Godby, c Woods, b Boucher	1
Sgt. Paynter, b Carless	7
Q. M. S. Warr, b Carless	0
Pte. Hatfield, b Carless	0
Lieut. Barron, run out	6
Lt. Cpl. Cheney, not out	6
Extras	6
Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kyrke	5	2	21	1
Cotman	2	0	10	0
Paxton	2	0	15	0
Carless	10	2	35	4
Boucher	10	0	29	4

NAVY — 1ST INNINGS

A. B. Smith, lb.w., b MacLagan	39
Lt. Walters, b Hatfield	21
Capt. Whitmarsh, run out	32
Lt. Cotman, c MacLagan, b Barron	30
St. Lt. Ogle, b MacLagan	18
Lt. Com. Pugh, b Hatfield	11
Capt. Carless, c Jones, b MacLagan	0
Com. Boucher, c Jones, b Barron	5
Sub. Lt. Kyrke, c Weedon, b Barron	22
P. O. Tel. Paxton, lb.w., b Barron	14
E. A. Wood, not out	6
Extras	10
Total	208

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barron	18.3	5	66	4
Cheney	10	2	28	0
Hatfield	13	4	32	2
Paynter	3	1	5	0
Godby	3	0	30	0
MacLagan	8	1	32	3

CLUB'S RUGBY WIN

Playing against the Small Units on the Club ground yesterday, the Club "A" Rugby XV won by a goal and a try (8 points) to nil. Scorers were Dunnett, whose try was converted by Oliphant, and Bidwell.

LA SALLE TROUNCE QUEENS COLLEGE IN CRICKET MATCH

Deadly bowling by A. el Arculli who secured 7 wickets for 14 runs enabled La Salle College to beat Queen's College by 65 runs in a friendly cricket match on the I.R.C. ground yesterday.

La Salle College: 91 (Z. Gosano 44; J. Rumjahn 5 for 35; N. Singh 3 for 50).

Queen's College: 26 (C. K. Ching 5; A. el Arculli 7 for 14—in 10.6 overs 6 of which were maidens; J. Gosano 3 for 12).

ENGLAND'S RUGBY TEAM IS TAKING SHAPE

(Continued from Page 19)

spectators, but what is to be done about it?

Well, the legislators have done their best, bearing in mind the true interests of the game, but so far, with due respect to their good intentions, they have failed. The next step, I submit, is to call in the players. They also may fail, but at least they should be given a chance to make concrete proposals.

HOW NOW MR. MEGAW

Just two more brief notes. In the best speech of the evening at the Blackheath dinner, John Megaw, the Richmond captain, twitted me by implication for my obscurantist outlook. In 1880 or thereabouts, he said, I would have spent my time complaining that the game could never recover its former glory until hacking was reintroduced.

Perhaps he was right. Certainly I spend much of my time nowadays pining for the return of real scrummaging.

Even so, there is an answer ready to my hand. What was the foundation of the Harlequins' victory against Richmond last Saturday? Controlled scrummaging, they tell me. And that, I must confess, is rather pleasing.

AND FINALLY

Finally, it seems to me that mid-field players this season are indulging in far too much ill-conceived tactical kicking. There is one cardinal fact about kicking which is too often forgotten. It means losing possession of the ball, even if you may occasionally regain it.

Kicking in attack, at any rate, is greatly over-done these days, and I believe the game would be vastly improved if indiscriminate punting could be temporarily abolished.

DID NO HOUSEWORK FOR SIX MONTHS

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- 7—Sheet Metal Covered Travelling Trunk as new.
- 8—Small White Enamelled Medicine Chest with Mirror.
- 9—Large double-end Teakwood Office Desk, new.
- 10—Ensign Reflex Camera with 2.9 Dahmeyer Lense.
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Hong Kong, 22nd. Dec., 1937.

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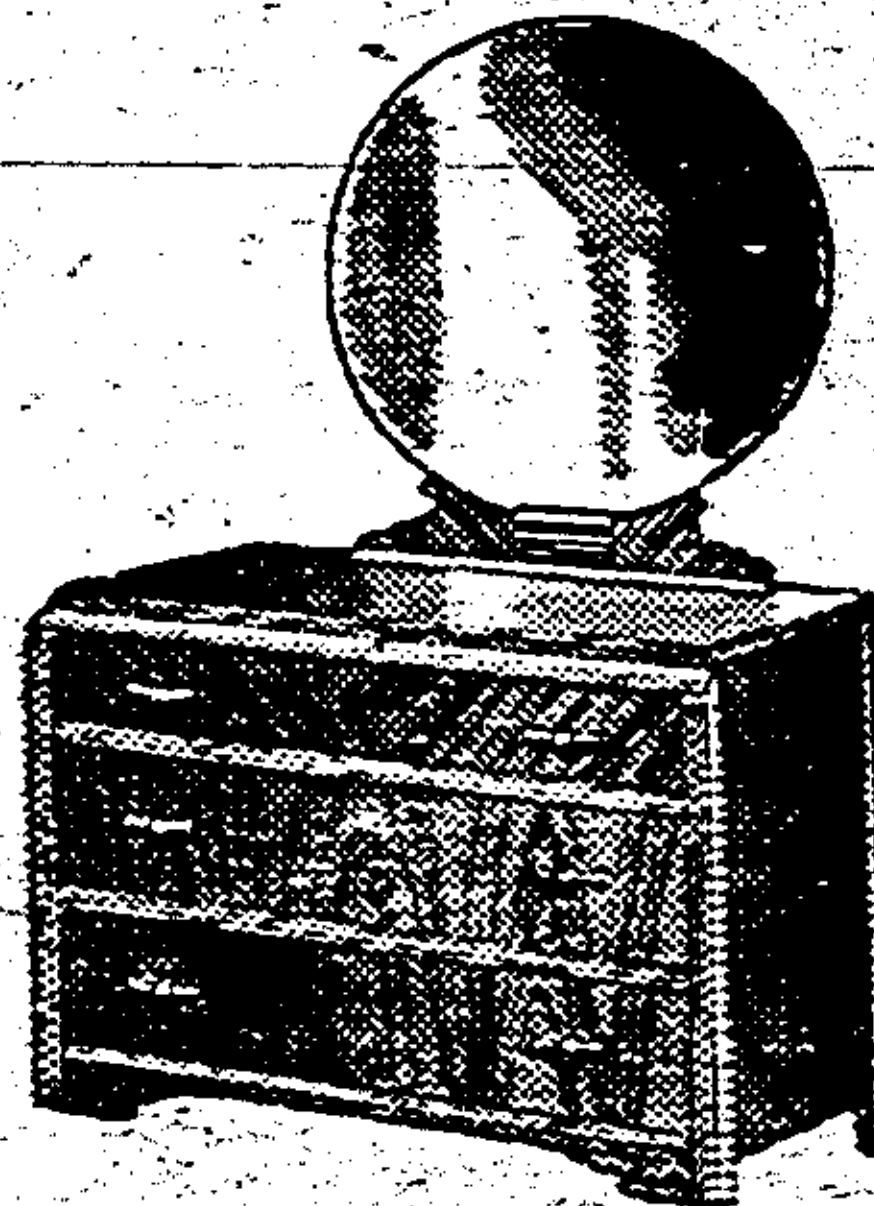
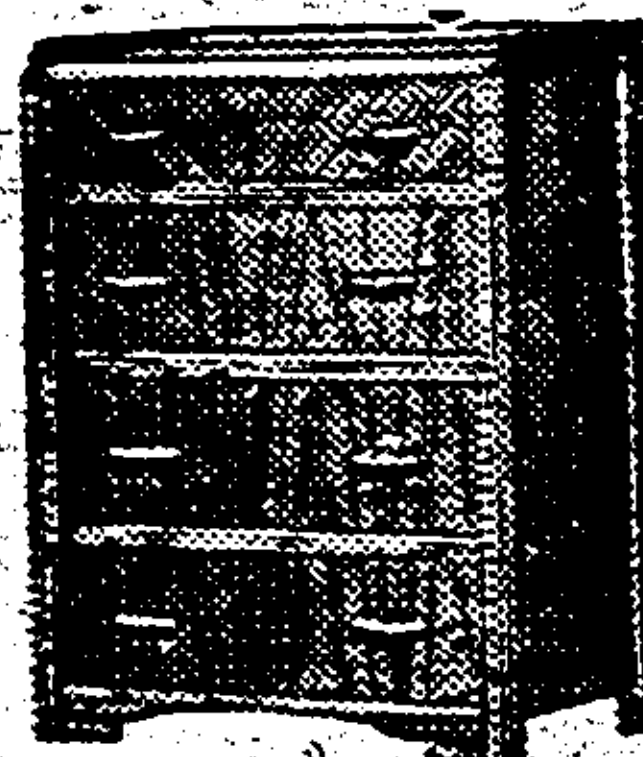
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U.S. Naval Display Reports In Truer Perspective

Washington, To-day.

AS regards continued reports in the newspapers of a United States naval display, it is reliably learned that the Navy at present is confining itself to the desire to put the fleet into proper condition to meet whatever calls might be made upon it in future.

CHINESE ADVANCE IN SOUTH HOPEI

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese are continuing their counter-offensive and northward advance in the southern part of Hopei.

Several small towns have been captured and the Chinese are said to be moving on the main Japanese base.—Trans-Ocean.

SNATCHER CAUGHT

Lam Kam, a marine store collector, and Ip Cheung, a carpenter, were commended by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for effecting the arrest of Wan Chui, who snatched the handbag of Law San Chung, in Gloucester Road yesterday morning.

Naval quarters state that the fleet at present is about 85 per cent. unready, and that many hulls need scraping before it could make a lengthy cruise.

It is also stated that there is a scarcity of fuel ships and supply ships, which must be remedied before action such as that speculated on by the newspapers could be undertaken.—Reuter.

GENEVA AND FAR EAST

Tokyo, 2 p.m., To-day.

A report has been received here stating that the League is meeting on January 17 to discuss Italian recognition of Manchukuo, and that the Advisory Committee of 23 on the Far East will meet simultaneously to discuss developments in the Sino-Japanese crisis.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Rangoon, To-day.

The French aviatrice, Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, arrived here to-day and hopped off for Saigon after a short halt.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

With the Chinese bitterly contesting the ground gained, the Japanese forces are making slow but steady progress in their drive on Hangchow.

While bitter fighting is raging at Changan, a Japanese column is attacking Wukuang, while a third column is approaching Siaofeng, 34 miles west of Hangchow.

The Chinese have laid charges of dynamite ready to blow up the railway bridge over the Chientang River.

Meanwhile, a Japanese column advancing up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has occupied Changpuling.

A Japanese naval spokesman announced to-day that since the beginning of hostilities, the Japanese have destroyed 600 planes, of which 80 were Soviet made.

Chinese circles say the figure is based on extravagant if not fantastic claims.—Reuter.

Hankow, To-day.

It is learned that one of the severest air battles in the Sino-Japanese hostilities was fought yesterday over Nanchang.

Chinese reports state that 20 Japanese planes participated, comprising eight pursuit planes and twelve bombers, and claim that two Japanese planes were shot down.

After the battle, girl students brought flowers to the Chinese pilots.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese newspapers feature the "heated" debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday regarding the Far Eastern situation.

The "Nichi Nichi" states that Britain's only course is to adapt herself to the realities and frankly change her China policy, otherwise she is liable to meet with an unexpected counterblow.

If reports of reinforcements for the Far Eastern fleet are true, Britain should remember the failure of her similar bluff against Italy.—Reuter.

It is reported that three Japanese planes were sighted flying over Shumchun this morning. The machines dropped no bombs and apparently were only reconnoitring.

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